

MUSIC DEPARTMENT



Zachary Smith, a 2-year-old violin student, listens attentively to Dr. Kexi Liu, director of the Suzuki violin program at Missouri Southern, who has been giving the child lessons for four weeks. Liu said Smith is the youngest violin student he has ever taught in his career.

2-year-old learns ways of the violin

By MICHELLE CONTY
STAFF WRITER

A 2-year-old practicing the violin? Although children in Japan begin practicing as early as age 2 or 3, American students usually don't begin until 4 or 5.

Dr. Kexi Liu, director of the Suzuki violin program at Missouri Southern, is giving lessons to Zachary Smith in Joplin.

Zachary is the youngest student Liu has ever taught.

Despite Zachary's age, Liu and Zachary's mother, Jacque Smith, agree he is progressing well.

"He's learning fast and does fine with his lessons," Liu said.

Zachary has been practicing for four weeks. He is working on basic control of the bow, hand-eye coordination, and rhythm. Jacque said Zachary showed a great interest in the violin before lessons were even considered.

"He would be watching something on television, such as *Peter and the Wolf* or *'Party of Five'*, and when something to do with the violin would come on he would watch and imitate," Jacque said. "It is like a fascination."

Zachary has a 30-minute private practice with Liu once a week, and each week he meets with the beginners' class for a group lesson, also 30 minutes.

"We practice a few minutes at a time," Jacque said. "Zachary's attention span is short and we can't overdo things. We only practice if it's fun; there is no pressure, no force. It's like a game."

Zachary's mother is also interested in the violin. She has ordered a violin and expects to begin practice when it comes in. There are 4-month-old twins at the Smith home. Jacque said she will let them take lessons as well, when they are old enough.

Liu taught in China for 11 years (1973-84) before moving to the United States. He was in North Carolina for seven years prior to coming to Southern. He plays only the violin, and has done so for a majority of his life.

STUDENT LIFE

SLC provides social hangout

By F. NICHOLAS PARKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

If you build it, they will come. That is the hope of College officials as the Student Life Center approaches completion.

"The evenings, especially on the weekends, have been the busiest," said Deb Gipson, coordinator of student housing. "In fact, we had to run people off last Saturday."

She said there are at least a few students in the SLC during most hours of the day.

"The air-conditioning is nice," said Tom Stevens, freshman biology major. "It's a nice place with some really nice things in it. There aren't as many people in here dur-

ing the day, and I can see how it would be a good environment to do your work in."

The new SLC currently boasts a television room with Surround Sound speakers, pool table, ping pong table, computer lab, aerobics room, and a lounge area. There are also snack machines and a microwave.

"The computer lab should be up and running within the next couple of days," Gipson said. "We hope to be offering aerobics classes in a few weeks."

Gipson said the additional exercise equipment, laundry facilities,

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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Block classes return after positive feedback

By STEPHANIE WARD
EDUCATION EDITOR

Back by popular demand... block classes. Selected freshmen took part in experimental block classes last year, and due to the positive feedback, the classes are back again.

Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, said the block classes were developed to try to encourage students to re-enroll after the freshman year. He said the program is retaining students by placing them in a "learning community."

"Last year we had very good data to show us that from the fall to the spring, 94 percent of the freshmen who were in the block returned, which was significant," Bitterbaum said. "And their [grade-point averages] were higher, so we're very pleased."

Matt King, sophomore physical education major, said he liked block classes because he thought it was easier to study "because we knew each other."

This type of feedback is part of the reason mid-term grades will be distributed to the students in block classes. Bitterbaum said he thinks the grades will serve as an early check for the students. He said for the students who are doing well, it

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MILLS ANDERSON JUSTICE CENTER

Construction begins on additions

Building to feature
new shooting range,
gymnasium facility

By J.L. GRIFFIN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

It was about this time last semester when Missouri Southern's criminal justice department was awaiting the status of the much-needed funds for the additions to the Mills Anderson Justice Center.

When the state released its budget for the 1997 fiscal year, the department found itself in the enviable position of having three years worth of funding lumped into one. Instead of taking the three-tiered task three years to complete, the College could now bid out all of the additions at one time.

"It's always a lot easier, in terms of planning, if you don't have to phase [the project]," said Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president.

With a low bid of \$4,555,900, R.E.

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SOUTHERN'S FACELIFT

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Smith Construction received the go-ahead from the College to start work. Both Tiede and Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of the school of technology, said they believed work would begin this week. The construction company has already erected trailers at the site. However, no formal ground-breaking ceremony has been planned.

Unlike the new Student Life Center, all the work on the additions to the Justice Center will be

done by outside contractors, according to Tiede. Not being involved with this project will finally allow the physical plant get back to the projects left sidelined by the work on the Student Life Center.

The state allotted Southern \$4.9 million to cover the cost of the renovations. The extra cash left over will go toward purchasing equipment and furniture, Spurlin said.

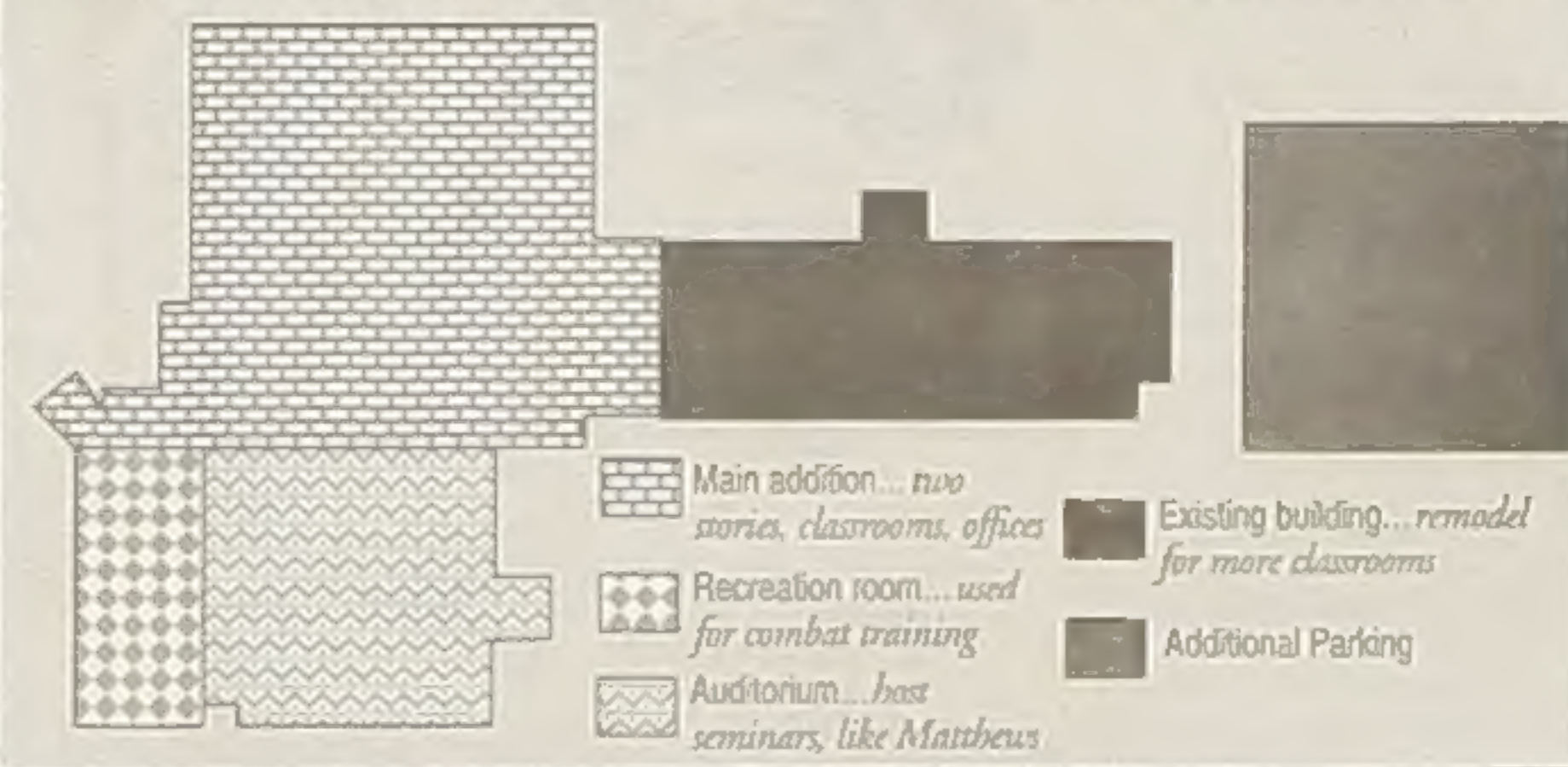
The criminal justice program at Southern is the heaviest populated at the College and the facilities at the Justice Center have long been inadequate for the numbers of students in the program.

Spurlin believes students will no longer have to trek to other campus buildings to take classes because the additions call for 17 new classrooms.

Also in the plans are a gymnasium facility for self-defense and hand-to-hand combat training and an auditorium for lectures and seminars.

Spurlin also said a modernized shooting range is the works for

Anderson Justice Center renovations



RYAN BRONSON/The Chart

the basement of the building.

"As far as the traditional college class," he said, "they'll all be in that building now."

Along with the addition of classrooms is the insertion of new offices and the possibility of a new faculty member, Spurlin said.

"The biggest thing is the added classroom space and office space," Tiede said.

New offices are going up over

campus right now. Some classes are being interrupted by the restructuring of classrooms into office facilities, but Spurlin said the additions at the Justice Center shouldn't disturb classes over there.

"They've told us we won't really be bothered until the very end when they have to connect the buildings," he said.

Six contractors bid on the pro-

ject, and most were area contractors, Tiede said, with the furthest bidders from Springfield and another from Arkansas.

R.E. Smith is on a 420-day completion table, Tiede said. If work does start this week, the project should end in November 1997.

Tiede said he believes the College would be ready to put the building to use in the spring of 1998.

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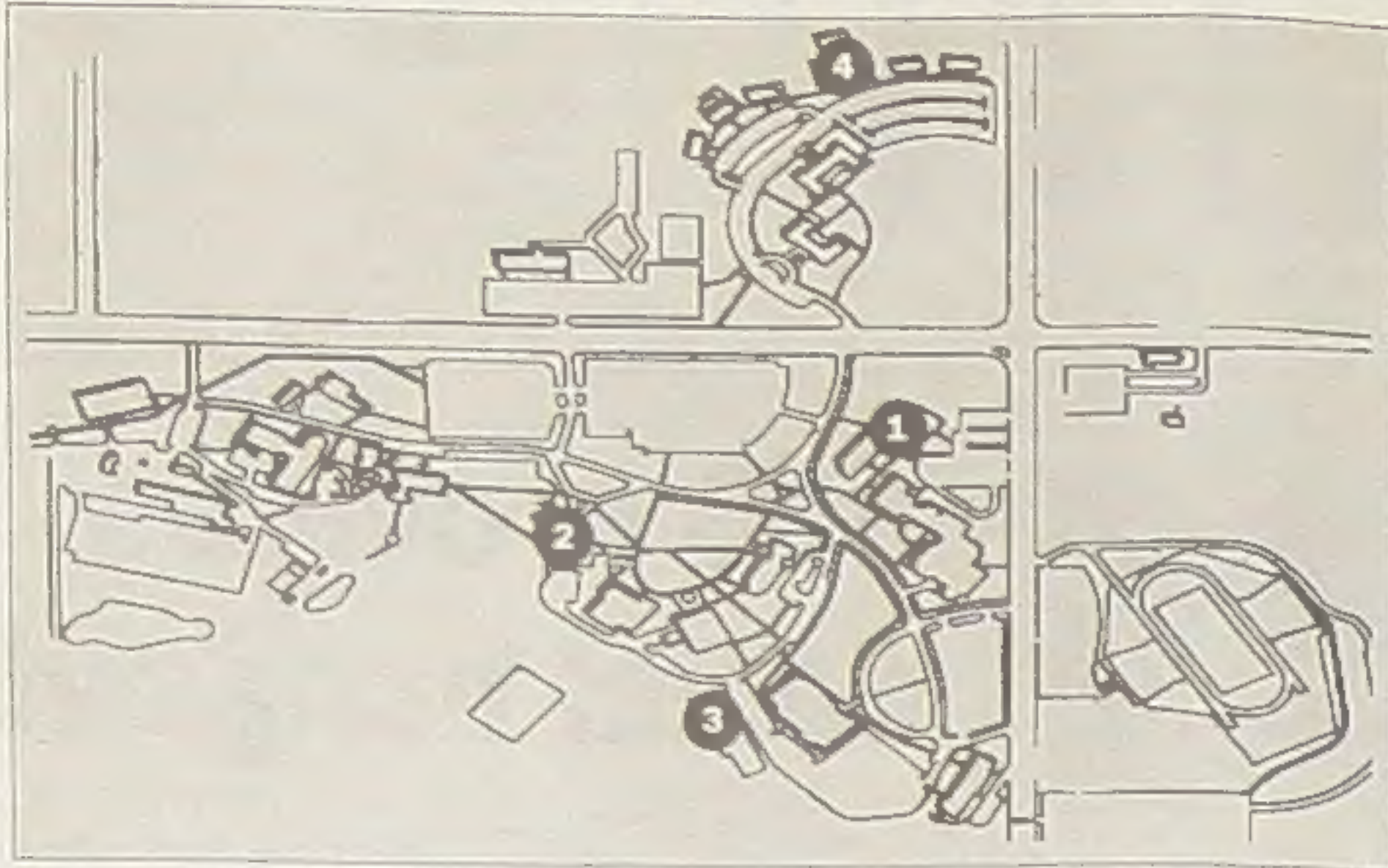
Carbon Star



SPORTS

Missouri Southern men's and women's cross country signals open the season at home in a non-scoring meet. Page 10

SECURITY REPORT



- 1** 09/05/96 WEBSTER HALL 2:30 p.m. A male student experienced a vertigo attack as he was descending the steps at the rear entrance to Webster Hall. He lost his balance and fell over the hand railing. The student's mother arrived and requested that he be transported to a hospital because he had suffered a previous head injury from a car accident three years before.
- 2** 09/09/96 BSC 12:30 p.m. Jessica Closser, freshman elementary education major, reported her blue, Cabin Country bookbag stolen from the rack outside the cafeteria.
- 3** 09/10/96 GRAVEL LOT 8:40 a.m. Mary Ann Costley, senior communications major, reported damage to her 1993 Pontiac Grand Am in the gravel lot behind Young Gymnasium. Willie Poyner, a cafeteria worker, parked his Ford station wagon too close to Costley's driver side. Costley had to enter her vehicle from the passenger side, and later found damage to the driver's side of her vehicle. Poyner admitted he parked too close.
- 4** 09/10/96 MAUPIN HALL 11:20 p.m. Campus security responded to Maupin Hall, where ambulance and fire department personnel were attending to a female student suffering from a diabetic-related shock. She refused to see a doctor.

CAREER COUNSELING

Class to guide students

Eight-week course to provide assistance in choosing majors

By DEBORAH SOLOMON
MANAGING EDITOR

Still looking for a major? An eight-week class will be available later this semester to help students make that all-important decision.

Although Career Life Planning has been offered for several years, it is now available for one hour of credit after the eight-week College Orientation class.

"We didn't have a lot of response to the class because it is an eight-week course," said Dr. Linda Caldwell, director of counseling. "It came to mind that we have College Orientation that students have to

take... why don't we start offering this for the second eight weeks, in the same time slots, for all of those freshmen?"

Although geared to fit freshmen schedules, the class is open for anyone interested.

During the class, students can expect to learn much about themselves.

"I have found out that people in general very seldom take time to do what they need to do for themselves," Caldwell said. "When somebody tells them they have to go do something, they will do it. This is going to be 16 hours of intensive class assignments that are really forcing the students to learn about themselves."

Caldwell has shaped the course using her philosophy that the personal aspect of career decision making is crucial.

"I stress the personal aspect of

career decision making rather than career information," she said. "Values, personal interests, and what kind of lifestyle someone would like to have are very important things to think about before you jump into a major."

The career search process begins with finding the right major, and that is what the class will focus on.

"Career services can take over once a major has been decided," Caldwell said.

"There are probably over 300 jobs per major, so the major is the first step."

Instructors for the course will come from counseling, the Learning Center, and career services. Caldwell said even though most of the class times will be the same as the College Orientation classes, students can take the course any hour it is offered. Students can enroll up to Oct. 14, the beginning date for the class. □

CLASSES: Instructors to give midterm grades

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will act as encouragement. For the students who are doing poorly, it will provide an opportunity to seek help in the areas they need.

"I think mid-term grades can be useful," said Dr. Stephen Spector, head of the English department. "I think it's mostly useful where students don't have much feedback."

Students in block courses will receive a copy of their mid-term

grades for each class. The grades should be out around the last week of September. Bitterbaum said the program will serve as an early warning system to students.

"What we hope to find in that most students are doing well," he said. "So here's one way of intervening and trying to develop a learning community."

He said the College used to provide mid-term grades to all students but eliminated the program

years ago. This is an attempt to reintroduce it, by pioneering it on the block classes.

Bitterbaum said if the mid-term grades work out, the College will try them on the whole freshmen class. From there, it may possibly go even higher.

"We're trying to do things that we think will help students succeed," he said.

"We want to be sure we can serve them as best as we can." □

CENTER: Facility open to all students, faculty

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and aerobic equipment will help draw even more students to the facility. Other additions will include a Pepsi machine, a copy machine, and another pool table.

"The laundry area will probably be up in a couple of weeks,"

Gipson said. "We're just waiting on the equipment."

Gipson stressed the SLC was open for all students, not just those in the residence halls. According to Gipson, this project is a big step for the College.

"This center can emphasize the social part of the college life," she

said. "We have always done a good job educating the students academically; this will help us educate them socially as well."

"I hope I never hear again from a student, 'There's nothing to do in this town.' I think this is one of the best things we, as a school, have ever done." □

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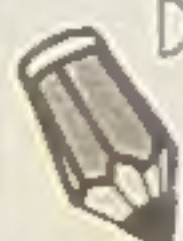


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STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

New physician hours mean more help

By J.L. GRIFFIN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Students who are feeling a little more under the weather than usual have extra time in the week to see a physician on campus.

Previous campus physicians were available only for just over two hours a week, but now due to a recent agreement between the College and Freeman Hospitals and Health System, Dr. Henry Steine will be available for at least an hour a day Monday through Friday. Steine is on campus Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 7:45 a.m. until 8:45 a.m., and from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

Both Steine and College nurse Julia Foster have said the campus clinic has remained busy the first weeks of classes.

Foster said the clinic tries to put the word out in the beginning of each year. She speaks in the College Orientation groups to familiarize them with the service also.

The new alliance between the College and the hospital may lead to some new programs and initiatives, Foster said, but nothing is planned so far.

"This semester with the new physician, we're just going to be organized," Foster said. "I see the need down the line for something."

So far this year, Foster said she has seen numerous allergy cases.

"I understand the ragweed and pollen counts are up," she said.

Steine said he has seen several students so far with a variety of ailments. Allergies are on top with activity-related injuries.

Steine said he has treated a variety of problems, with the flu, diarrhea, and rashes being common.

Steine said he is an orthopedic doctor specializing in sports medicine.

"I function in the student health clinic like I do in my office," he said.

The main difference between having a nurse, rather than a doctor, in the office is the prescription element of the job. Foster said as a nurse she can't hand out prescriptions, but Steine can.

An agreement with Smitty's Pharmacy lowers the price of drugs for students, Foster said.

Steine said what many students need to remember is to make an appointment before coming to the clinic in Room 306 of Kuhn Hall. □



TERESA BLAND/The Chart

Starting new rounds at Missouri Southern's clinic, Dr. Henry Steine, (left) an orthopedist, has seen a variety of ailments so far in his stint at the College.

CAMPUS CLUB

New coalition to fight abuse

By STEPHANIE GOAD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Tuesday marked the official beginning of a new causation club on campus. Five officers met to sign the constitution for the Missouri Southern Student Coalition Against Child Abuse (MSSCACA).

Katherine Ray, junior sociology and criminal justice major and president of the organization, along with Dr. Richard Miller, head of the social science department, started organizing the club over the summer.

"We are a causation club, and our primary goal is education in child abuse," Ray said. "Most child abuse happens because of the lack of education."

Ray stressed the fact that MSSCACA is not a counseling club, but is rather for the prevention and intervention of child abuse through the "education of others."

She said despite the fact she is a mother herself, she was prompted to start the club by the lack of community organizations dealing in such matters.

"I was interested in finding an organization to do volunteer work, but I couldn't find one so I talked to Dr. Miller about the idea of starting up one on campus."

Miller offers a course on child abuse, from which the club also stemmed.

"I think the course should be part of the core curriculum," Ray said. "It can benefit any major, most go on to have children later."

Miller said he completely supports the new club and commends the students for their efforts.

"I am very pleased," he said. "The students are so busy and yet are undertaking an organization such as this one with such a large time-involvement factor."

Ray said one of the club's primary goals is to go to the State Capitol next spring when the legislature is in session.

"We plan to lobby the legislators and get appointments with state representatives," she said.

Ray said she plans to implement a fund-raiser to buy teddy bears for abused children and children facing placement in foster homes.

"It will give them something to hold on to," she said.

MSSCACA is currently conducting a random survey on campus, polling the number of students who have been victims of abuse, how many have sought professional help, and how many of the cases have been substantiated.

The new advocacy group has received numerous amounts of support from area businesses and organizations within the community.

"Office 1 Superstore donated printing to us," Miller said.

The club has also established a good relationship with Survivors And Friends Empowered (SAFE), a local advocacy group for abuse victims.

"We share information," Ray said. "We will be going to SAFE to view a film on prevention [of child abuse] and the lures [sex offenders use on children]."

Ray said as far as she knows, Southern is the first college to foster such a concept, but she hopes the project she initiated will pervade in other colleges throughout the nation in the future.

Meanwhile, club officers are using various measures to spread the word on campus in hopes of involving faculty and students of all majors. They have posters dotted throughout the campus, and fliers have been handed out to promote the 24-member organization.

"They don't have to volunteer for anything," Ray said. "Even if they just come to learn, education can be a big step in preventing child abuse."

She said witnesses of child abuse can help curb it by calling 1-800-4-A-CHILD, the national child abuse hotline.

"If they call the police, they will probably tell them to call the hotline anyway," Ray said. "It is also very important that they leave their name, because otherwise it may not be substantiated."

The group meets at 2 p.m. the first Thursday of every month on the second floor of Webster Hall.

"We will also be providing an alternate meeting time for those who can't make the regular meeting," Ray said. □

STUDENT SENATE

...we hope this will serve you well in the years to come.



BRETT DAWSON/The Chart

Freshman senators Rebecca Cassady (front left) and Timothy Chiles (back left) eat dinner with College President Julio Leon (front right) and Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, at the Student Senate picnic, Wednesday.

Leon, Bitterbaum greet new legislators

Miller asks Chapman to be parliamentarian

By J.L. GRIFFIN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Members of Missouri Southern's administration showed up at the Student Senate's informal meeting at the Biology Pond Wednesday evening to offer the recently elected and reelected congratulations on their accomplishment.

College President Julio Leon and Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, told the assembled group their hopes for the coming year. Doug Carnahan, Student Senate adviser, was also on hand at the picnic.

"Congratulations," Senate President Grant Miller said. "I'm looking forward to a successful year of Student Senate."

Miller welcomed the group before turning the proceedings over to Leon, who said the Senate has an incredible opportunity.

"By virtue of being involved... we hope this will serve you well in the years to come," he said.

Leon finished his talk by reaffirming the administration's willingness to help the senators.

"Our doors are always open," he said.

Miller read some announcements concerning the body's first business meeting next Wednesday. Among the announcements were a Wednesday luncheon scheduled and a photo shoot scheduled before the Senate meeting.

Before handing out sign-up sheets for the various Senate committees, Miller informed the group of a plan to gather enough people for a Student Senate softball team to take part in the softball tournament put on by the intramural program at Southern.

Senators are expected to fill on at least one committee, but Miller said there may not be enough positions available to accommodate all the senators.

"There is a good chance for everyone to be on a committee," he said.

After the meeting, Miller talked with

sophomore senator Julie Chapman about taking the vacant parliamentarian position. The parliamentarian position traditionally remains vacant until the first business meeting of the new school year.

The parliamentarian is responsible for keeping the order of amendments straight and maintaining procedure at the meetings.

Putting Chapman in the slot would settle the senatorial tie vote that happened during last week's election in the sophomore race.

Chad Waits and Julie Wiecken tied for votes, but would become senators if Chapman accepted. Chapman said she is still thinking about the possibility.

Former Senate President John Weedo has expressed an interest in the position and Miller said that avenue has not been exhausted.

"Other options are being examined," Miller said. "Some individuals who have been asked have declined the position."

The Senate meets at 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday in BSC Room 310. □

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Area students beaming into classrooms

Satellite allows long-distance learn-

By STEPHANIE GOAD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Instructors teaching via satellite through the Southern Educational Communication Association (SECA) soon may be able to see the students they are teaching.

Preliminary stages for major upgrading in the classes taught over microwave carriers are currently under negotiation.

A grant in the excess of \$140,000 was approved two weeks ago by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), which will fund the proposed two-way interactive system in courses taken from Missouri Southern at various high schools throughout the region.

The new system will allow for a two-way video of the classes transmitted by a microwave carrier, as opposed to the current system where students view the instructor over the television with no interaction.

"The students will still be able to view the professors, and they (the instructors) can see the people who are there in the classroom via the television," said Dr. Jerry Williams, director of continuing education.

Currently, Southern offers courses in Carthage, Carl Junction, Lamar, and Monett.

"We are going to meet with the superintendents of all the schools, probably within the next two weeks," Williams said. "At that time we will also be looking at a variety of uses

we'll be putting the system to."

Williams said microwave video, unlike compressed video lines, takes up less telephone space.

Williams said Southern's current course conduction through one-way microwave will soon be "turning around with a transmitter component to send it back from another school which will show us the people who are there."

Occasionally, Williams said, an instructor may teach at one of the SECA schools and the lesson will be transmitted to the other schools participating in the program.

According to Williams, the system will enable teachers of one subject to consult other teachers of the same subject in other schools.

"We may also be able to work out team-teaching

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Dr. Jerry Williams
Continuing education director

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projects," he said.

Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, called the grant, co-written by his assistant, Nadine Schmidt, and the four superintendents of the SECA schools, is "one of the more profound grants received in terms of what it will do for us and the surrounding communities." □

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Women's forum focuses on issues facing owners

Women business owners will have the opportunity to attend a forum specially designed to allow discussion of the issues facing them.

The forum will be free to attendees. It will be held from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 26, in Matthews Hall in Room 102.

This program is put on by the Management Development Institute at Missouri Southern and the Small Business Administration of Advocacy.

During the forum, any information obtained through the program will be used in a compiled report that will serve as a reference and referral for SBA's study when forming opinions of issues on a national level.

The finished report will go to President Bill Clinton and members of Congress. □

Safety group warns of extension cord dangers

A national safety organization is warning everyone of the possible problems that could result from electrical extension cord overload.

The National Electrical Safety Foundation is warning that with the growing use of computers, electronic entertainment equipment, hairdryers, and refrigerators, an office or dorm room has the potential for a major fire hazard if the electrical outlets are overloaded.

NESF reports that more than 160,000 electrical fires a year claim 800 human lives, cause 7,660 injuries and cost \$1.8 billion in personal property loss.

The foundation also reports one is electrocuted in the home every 16 hours.

NESF says using extension cords for permanent wiring is dangerous and potentially life threatening.

The group gives these tips for electrical safety:

- Use extension cords only on a temporary basis.
- Don't run electric cords under rugs or carpets.
- Don't overload outlets.
- Purchase approved surge suppressors for your computer and entertainment systems.
- Never force a plug into an outlet if it doesn't fit.
- Don't use appliances that have frayed, cut, or damaged cords.
- Don't place electrical appliances near water.
- Read and follow manufacturer's use and care instructions for all electrical products. □

Computer workshops available this month

Two computer workshops will be offered in September.

Cost in advance for each program will \$75, at the door cost will be \$85.

The first workshop, "Introduction to Computers," will be offered from 8:45 a.m. until 4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 21, in Matthews Hall Room 303.

The second, titled "Introduction to Windows '95," will be held in the same room and the same time Saturday, Sept. 28.

For the first workshop, Mary Davis, of Missouri Southern's Small Business Development Center, will instruct students on the basics of computer technology.

The second workshop will be taught by Karen Bradshaw, also of the Small Business Development Center. This program will teach students Windows '95 operations.

The Small Business Development Center is also offering a free pre-business workshop Friday in Matthews Hall Room 102.

This workshop will provide practical information about evaluating and implementing a business idea.

Instructors will include Bradshaw, Jim Krudwig, and Lisa Robinson. For more information call (417) 625-9313. □

EDITOR'S COLUMN

Are plasma centers really safe enough?

What I thought was a quick way to make some extra cash turned out to be the worst experience of my life.

As a freshman, I heard that you could make \$25 a week in about three hours by selling plasma. All I needed to do was go down to the local plasma center and sit with a nice big needle in my arm for about an hour.

Doesn't sound too bad, does it? I didn't think so either.



Deborah Solomon
Managing Editor

I did this off and on for about a year-and-a-half, and it was pretty nice to have the extra cash. However, I changed my mind on Oct. 31, 1994.

I needed some extra cash for a trip, so I headed to the plasma center. Each

time you donate, they do many different tests on the blood to ensure its safety. I had been waiting for a few minutes when a doctor with my file in his hands asked me to follow him to his office. I wasn't sure what was going on because this was completely out of the ordinary. When I got into his office he laid my file on his desk, and stamped on the front, in huge red letters, was "HIV +."

I knew this couldn't be mine. I was a 19-year-old virgin who had never done drugs, and to my knowledge had never been exposed to HIV. The doctor said my blood tests had come back positive for the virus, but was quick to reassure me that the last four out of five positive tests had been false positives and given my history, he was sure that mine would be, too. By this time I was in tears and on the verge of hysteria.

He said I could no longer donate plasma anywhere in the nation. I was black-listed, even if the test was a false positive. He also told me that further testing would be done on my blood and the results would be mailed to me in a few weeks.

The doctor then told me there were places in the community I could go for counseling if I had any questions and showed me the door. I went straight to the bathroom to wash my face and calm down a bit, but I looked into the mirror and lost it. I didn't want to leave the bathroom because I had to walk through the waiting area, and I was sure everyone would know.

It seemed that my chest would explode; I was so scared. The only thoughts running through my mind were, "I'm going to die," and "How am I going to tell my parents?"

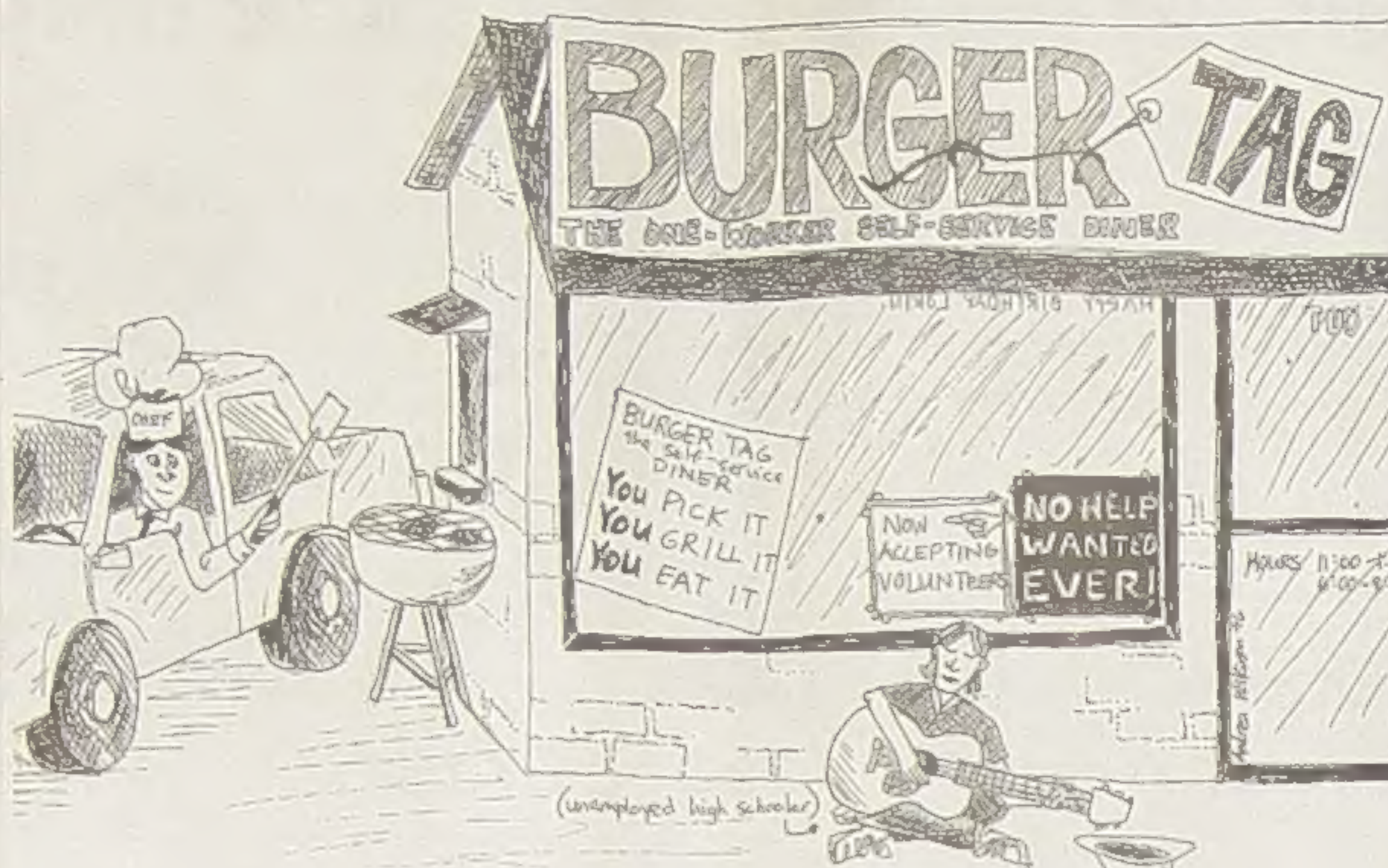
After the initial shock and talking with my parents, I decided to get a second opinion. The clinic on campus was offering free, confidential testing so that was the first thing I wanted to do. I had to wait three weeks to find out. It was the longest three weeks of my life.

The nurse told me many people were coming to health departments to get retested because of the false positives they were receiving from plasma centers. She said the testing was so sensitive that if you had a cold or had taken any kind of medication, it would flag the blood as HIV positive. The places that do the testing get paid for quantity, not accuracy.

During the three-week wait, I did a lot of soul searching, a lot of praying, and a lot of research. When the test came back negative, a huge weight was lifted. Before I found out, being HIV positive to me meant that I would die. I would never get married, have children, or a career.

Then I got really mad at the plasma centers who cared more about getting

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OUR EDITORIALS

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

Proposition A will only lead to loss of jobs, higher prices

Once again the federal government has thrown this union of 50 states into a frenzy with the inception of the new minimum wage.

However, it seems the citizens of Missouri want to continue the chaos by placing Proposition A on the Nov. 8 ballot. As of Oct. 1, Missouri's minimum wage will increase to \$4.75 an hour, but if Proposition A passes in November, it will increase \$2 from its present state to \$6.25 an hour. By mid-1997, no matter what the outcome of Proposition A is, the minimum wage will be up to \$5.15 an hour.

What could the backers of this issue possibly be thinking? It is not likely the status quo will remain once the minimum wage goes up; it won't have a lick of difference anywhere because prices will likely go up with the pay increase.

It is a nice dream to pay the impoverished large sums of money for the work they do, but one can't honestly expect the corporations — large and small — to sit idly by and take this financial beating. They will seek retribution the only way they know how. They will raise prices on products and they will lay off workers in large numbers.

Proposition A is a mere dream, a wonderful one, but nonetheless just a dream. Raising the minimum wage nearly 33 percent is ludicrous.

Raising it another 25 cents the next year can only be described as delusional.

Adding yet another quarter the following year is borderline

insane. And tacking on an extra 15 cents a year starting in the year 2000 is insane.

With the labor unions in support of this it will be tough to defeat, hopefully voters will use their common sense.

The only feasible theory concerning the pushing of this issue onto the ballot is that the unions are trying to teach corporate America a lesson.

With the federal government passing the new minimum wage law, corporations threatened to increase prices and lay off workers. This campaign is showing what could happen if they do raise prices and cut jobs — they'll raise the minimum wage even more.

It seems everybody is into politics nowadays.

The voters of Missouri should have known better than to allow something like this on the ballot. This will not only wreak havoc at the corporate level, but it will undoubtedly cause headaches for the voters.

This agenda is along the lines of a frivolous lawsuit, filed by a bunch of disgruntled prisoners. In a sense citizens are prisoners. They are prisoners of a system which only appears unfair because the prisoners have been spoiled for many years.

Now the prisoners are attempting a revolt which can only end in with an unsavory outcome.

It was the voters who put this issue on the ballot, and it is the voters who need to put it back where it came from. □

YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and include a phone number for verification. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office on the third floor of Webster Hall, fax them to (417) 625-9742, or send via E-mail. Our E-mail address: TheChart@aol.com. Letters are due by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

College's gun policy needs a uniform answer

This letter is in response to the article on gun policy in the Thursday, Sept. 5 issue of *The Chart*.

The article stated that it is against Missouri Southern policy for any student to carry firearms, but exceptions to this policy are allowed for a select few.

There are six points in this article that I would like to address.

First, the main argument is based on the fact that there are on-duty police officers attending classes on campus.

I have seen, in my own classes, off-duty officers carrying firearms.

Second, by on-duty, does that mean that they are on duty as law officers at Missouri Southern, or does that mean they are on duty because they are being paid by our

tax dollars for their time spent in furthering their education?

Third, some of the criminal justice faculty feel it is unfair and unnecessary for these students not to be able to carry firearms because they are trained to carry a gun.

If this is true, is it unfair to not allow someone attending night classes, who is legally trained and licensed to carry a firearm, who is not a police officer, not to be able to do so for their protection?

Fourth, if the trained police officer is studying or taking an exam, are they in full control of that weapon to the extent that someone could not remove it from them?

Fifth, how can students respect a policy, when they are being told that the very people in charge of upholding laws and poli-

cies are exempt from some of them?

Sixth, the article leads one to believe that campus policy is not uniform and the punishment for breaking campus policies is not mandatory.

I am very concerned about this.

I thought that laws and policies were for the protection and betterment of society and that they should be upheld by all.

I am beginning to learn that this philosophy is only a myth and that it only applies to individuals, that certain persons are trying to control.

D. Ray

Junior sociology, criminal justice major

IN PERSPECTIVE

Students won't suffer from changes

Those of you who've been here while will realize that we've undergone a drastic change in recent months.

The retirement of Dr. Glenn Dolence, the vice president for student services, and the subsequent decision not to replace him left his staff feeling kind of unsettled (or as one staff member put it, "like we're hanging naked on a flagpole").

When I found out that Dr. Dolence wouldn't be replaced, I felt a tremendous sense of melancholy, and also a sort of displacement.

I'd never worked at a college without a division of student services before. It left me feeling kind of decentered — like I was living in a house without a living room, or a car without a driver's seat.

I was afraid the choice not to replace him reflected an attitude of indifference to student needs on the part of the higher administration, or of making student needs secondary to the budget.

I was apprehensive that the decision would change the entire complexion of the school to more of a business and less of a service. Fortunately I was wrong.

For decades colleges across the country have had divisions of student services to serve as anchors to the faculty and staffs of student activities, admissions, financial aid, residence life, student health, athletics, career services, counseling, and learning centers.

Now, however, there is a national trend among colleges and universities not to replace head student services administrators.

Some colleges have dispensed with the concept of student services as a whole, while others have eliminated departments, decreased offerings, and downsized staffs.

While there were many options at their disposal, Southern chose a combination of approaches — promoting the dean of students, Doug Carnahan, to assistant vice president, and splitting the supervision of student services departments between Senior Vice President (John) Tiede and Academic Vice President (Erik) Bitterbaum.

I am pleased to report that the fundamental changes this has caused have been negligible.

Being paranoid by nature, I was afraid that since various departments "don't work together anymore" it would change the way we interact with each other. Happily, that has not been the case.

I think our basic personalities and our training in student personnel are stronger than the organizational hierarchy. We've spent years under the direction of a man to whom students were first priority, and that has shaped our intentions and attitudes.

Even though some departments may be part of fiscal affairs, and other departments part of academics, we are all still "student services" by choice and by habit, emotionally if not organizationally.

Students are still the reason we have jobs, and treating them as a priority is still the only way this institution will endure. So although student services as a division of the College lacks a vice president, and my former co-workers are scattered around the organizational diagram, our first loyalty will remain to the student. If we are true to our training, you will not even notice a difference. □



Val Carlisle
Coordinator of
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Tiny sprinter helps develop driving skill



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Caleb Dye, 7, of Carl Junction, is here seen driving the miniature sprint car his father, Rick Dye. Rick Dye made the car for Caleb from scratch.

By DEBORAH SOLOMON
MANAGING EDITOR

For most 7-year-olds, rock collecting and fishing are popular pastimes, but Caleb Dye's hobby is a fascination with speed. Caleb is a Carl Junction first grader who began his quest for speed at the age of 4. "He taught himself how to ride his bicycle without training wheels," said his mother, Tracy. "We told him he couldn't ride the 'motorcycle' until he could ride the bike without training wheels." The "motorcycle" was Tracy's, which she began riding when she was 4. After mastering the motorcycle, Caleb had advanced to a four-wheeler by the age of 5. This summer he learned to drive a wave runner, as well as spending plenty of time behind the wheel of his mini-sprint car. The appeal for Caleb is the speed. "Going fast is fun," he said. His father, Rick, built Caleb a mini-sprint car last year because Caleb wanted a go-cart and Rick was not satisfied with the safety features in go-carts. "Caleb and I both wanted a go-cart," Tracy said. "His dad didn't

think it was safe enough, so he built him a car from the ground up; it has lawn mower tires, a three-wheeler motor, and he poured the body and frame." Caleb has driven his car in a parade in Weir, Kan., and at the 66 Speedway. He practices on his circle dirt track in an empty field near his house. "He scares me a little when he is driving around the field. I think he drives a little crazy," Tracy said. "He always has his helmet on, and with the roll cage, I know that if he flips he will be safe." He has never had any broken bones, stitches, or had to go to the doctor for anything related to the car, four-wheeler, or motorcycle. "I think he has remarkable motor skills and coordination for a child his age," Tracy said. Caleb can begin competitive racing in a starters class when he is 9 and progress from there. The cars he would be driving would be similar to his sprint car, only slightly bigger. At the age of 14 Caleb can drive at the 66 Speedway. Rick said by then Caleb will have more seat time than several of the drivers he would be driving

“The more seat time he gets means better skills, and being a better driver.”

Rick Dye

against, and with seat times comes skills. "He already knows corrective driving," Rick said. "The more seat time he gets means better skills and being a better driver." "I had a man tell me that if Caleb wants to drive when he is 14, the man will build him a car to drive," Rick added. Although Rick put considerable time into the car, neither he nor Tracy push Caleb to spend time in it. "Sure I put a lot of time in it, but why force him to do something he doesn't want to?" Rick asked. □

Nuts & Bolts

Two-lane roads...yes!

I f I didn't have an hour's drive between school and work, I might go insane. Without the daily commute from Nevada to Joplin, I wouldn't have any time to think.

Fortunately, I have one of the best cars ever for driving enjoyment. I just unzip the window and put down the top, and presto! I don't have to wait until I get home to do something fun.

I'm really enjoying this late summer weather and being back in Missouri, also. I drive Route 43 because the speed limit has gone up to 71 mph. It's really shorter than 71 Highway, and although I'd like a 70 mph limit on 43, too, I can compromise.

After the eight-lane freeway traffic and overpopulation of Southern California, you can bet I'm enjoying the peaceful two-lane that's mostly bordered by green trees and lush crops. I might miss California's weather once winter comes knocking at the door, but right now there's no place I'd rather be.

I did get one step closer to being prepared for winter, though. Over Labor Day, I grabbed my friend Mark and we put my new Robbins convertible top on the Miata.

As we loosened the back of the old top from the car, in effect passing the point of no return, I said to Mark's father, "This is how to destroy a Miata in 15 easy steps."

To be honest, I was a little nervous about taking the old top off. When I ordered the new top, the salesman told me, "Now be sure to have a professional install this. It's rather complicated."

But armed with a shop manual and confidence on Mark's part, we lifted off the old top and carried it in to the blessed cool of his air-conditioned garage, leaving my Miata truly topless.

Following the Mazda shop manual's suggestions, we had the old top and the top structure separated in just an hour.

After a lengthy break for lunch, we brought out the new top and had the whole thing back together in three hours. It's so nice to be able to see out the back window! Previously, the only way I could see out the back was if the top was down or through the huge hole in the window.

The top material is heavier than before, and the zipper that lets the rear window down looks about twice as stout as the original zipper.

I've had to abandon my former careless way of throwing back the top, though.

To keep the window clear, I've got to take care of it. So if you see me putting a towel over the rear window before I lower the rest of the top, you'll know the reason.

Now I only have to replace most of the body panels, fix the cruise control and the intermittent stalling problem, and I'll have a perfect Miata! Yeah, right. □



Leslie Roberts
Associate Editor

AUTOMOTIVE JOURNAL

Rebuilders create spicy alternative to new vehicles

By LESLIE ROBERTS
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

As I drive up to Mid-America Auto & Rebuilders, I notice a newer red Nissan 300ZX with dealer tags. As I get out of my car, a Lexus LS400, also with dealer tags, pulls up. Inside on jack stands sits a nice black Mitsubishi 3000GT VR4 twin turbo, waiting for its wheels, which are out being polished.

In a nutshell, that's what attracts many people to rebuilders: They can afford a much nicer car if that car is wrecked.

"Most of the people who buy cars from me are buying them because they want a car that's more expensive than they can afford," said Jim Fanning, owner of Forty Three Auto. "This way, they get into the car at about half the cost of buying it new."

But rebuilt wrecks have a bad reputation. According to Craig Keeter, owner of Mid-America near Duenweg, the guys who look at a car think "I can fix that," and then go out and attempt to straighten the frame using a solid tree and a come-along are mainly responsible for that bad reputation.

"They'll never get it right that way," said Keeter, who sells cars mainly for customers to rebuild. "I try to convince my customers to do it right. I give them the names of reputable people to do their frame work. It doesn't cost that much to do it right."

Keeter also believes that the people who do shoddy workmanship are allowed to get by because of loose regulations concerning retitling rebuilt wrecks.

"All the state does when they inspect a car is look at the VIN numbers," he said. "They should start inspecting the quality of the work, also."

"That would not be a bad idea," Fanning said. "However, when you do something like that, you have to have a place to inspect the vehicles and someone who's qualified to do it."

Chuck Comer, owner of Comer's Truck and Auto, believes

that if the state did inspect rebuilt cars, the issue of bias would be raised and that it would be difficult to know where to set the workmanship standard.

"Say I put in a window and smear silicone all over the edges, but when they look at the window you put in, it's all nice and clean," he said.

"Both windows might be put in so they'll stay and they won't leak, but the state might pass one because it looks nicer."

Even though mechanical standards for the quality of the work have not been set, it is still possible to get a good quality rebuilt vehicle. Keeter believes one doesn't necessarily have to know the person who rebuilt it to get a good quality car.

"You just have to know what to look for," he said. "You know, anybody can shim a hole; that's not too hard to spot." Comer agrees.

"It's really a buyer beware situation," he said.

Of the four men interviewed for this story, only Fanning ventured a guess as to why Joplin has so many rebuilders for sale.

"It's probably because Joplin is located in the hub of four states — Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma," he said. "Joplin is the rebuilder capital."

"Even in Springfield, people are much less educated with respect to wrecks. They think if it's been hit once, that's the end. Here, we give the cars a second life."

The people who give those cars a second chance depend heavily on their reputations, and they have to employ savvy marketing in order to stay in business.

Roger Gronewold of Gronewold Auto sells mainly cars he has rebuilt. Because the vehicles he sells have been wrecked, he tries to sell them for under loan value.

He presented a picture of a Saturn sedan that he had rebuilt. All that was showing in the fuzzy Polaroid were the engine and one disc brake.

"That hardly looks like a car!" he said of the picture, pointing outside to the sleek green sedan. "But there it is."

Word of mouth sells Gronewold's vehicles, some before

they're even fully completed.

"We've even had buyers from out of state," said Aileen, Gronewold's wife.

"Yeah," Roger says, "You know, friends, relatives, that sort of thing."

Gronewold guarantees anything related to the wreck on the cars he sells. His shop is not as fancy as some of the other body shops in town, but it contains all the necessary equipment, and he says he saves the customer money because of it.

"Those guys with the fancy building — that's all overhead, and the customer pays for the image," he said. "I can usually save them \$500 to \$1,000 because of my low overhead."

Low overhead is one of Comer's advantages, also. The ground he rents on West Seventh Street is little more than a mostly-gravel lot with a small office.

"I would like to have a nice building; that's part of good marketing," he said, adding that he was reluctant to build on rented land.

"But not having a fancy building enables me to get by with less of a profit margin," he continued. "And I want people who buy from me to be able to make money, because then they'll give me repeat business."

Gronewold, on the other hand, believes many rebuilder companies aren't that customer-oriented.

"Most of these guys want to make \$1,500 profit off a vehicle or they don't even want to do it," he said.

"I try to price my cars so that the customer will be able to get into a vehicle for loan value, or less than loan value," Fanning said.

The alternative is to get a salvage license and attend auctions in person.

The Tulsa auction that Gronewold usually attends consists of sealed bids only. As a result, Gronewold bought four vehicles last week. Other weeks he doesn't buy any.

"It's kind of risky, because you never know how many cars you're going to bring home," he said.

"But you have to be competitive, because if you don't buy anything, you're not going to have anything to sell." □

MOTORSPORT

Mo-Kan Dragway hosts smokin' races

By TERESA BLAND
STAFF WRITER

The smell of methanol, mixed with fumes from nitrous oxide, filled the air at "Smokin'" Mo-Kan Dragway over Labor Day weekend.

The well-known, quarter-mile dragstrip at Asbury has been a long-time favorite place for local speed demons to push their souped-up toys beyond the limit. The toys ranged from grocery-getters to jet-powered bullets with a few fuel-altered cars, motorcycles, and rails thrown in.

The two main popular attractions

of the weekend were the wheel-standing Mexican "Jump-N-Bean" and the jet dragsters. Dick Rosberg has been racing jet cars across the country since 1981.

"I never had what they call a door-slammer, or stock car," he said. "The guy I started out with had a super-charged gas dragster, and we ran that for eight years."

Rosberg moved from the gas dragster to a fuel dragster, then to a fuel funny car, before settling with a jet dragster.

"Compared to the cars I had before, the jet cars are a lot faster but not as fast or quick as some of the cars now because they aren't



TERESA BLAND/The Chart

Jet powered rail dragsters were just one event at the Mo-Kan Speedway during the Labor Day weekend races.

wheel-driven," he said. "They're just the second fastest in the world. The best we've ever run in this car is 306 miles an hour."

Spectators watch and hold their ears as the jet dragsters literally take off for their quarter-mile run.

"It's the closest thing to being launched off an aircraft carrier," he said. "When it takes off, it's about

three and a half Gs, and when you pull the chute, it's about six Gs negative the other way. It slows down about 100 miles an hour instantly. It's a pretty good jerk on you."

On the other end, 10-year-old Greg Cantrell, of Galena, Kan., set a personal best speed of 47 miles per hour in his \$500 dragster.

After his lone run, Cantrell had a sour look on his face; he had just been informed that his clutch was burned out.

Cantrell said he's only been racing for "not even a month" and this was his second appearance at Mo-Kan.

"I feel the need for speed," he said. □

SOLOMON: HIV scare still haunts editor after two years since last visit to local plasma center

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tests done cheap and fast rather than accurately. How is it right that they have such a huge margin for error? The doctor told me the

last FOUR out of FIVE positive tests had been false. That means 80 percent of the tests they did were WRONG. It really made me wonder how many of the negative tests were wrong.

Plasma is a valuable blood product that can be used for many things, and it scares the bejibbers out of me to think that, because someone is trying to turn a buck, the testing would be this inaccurate.

It is your decision to sell plasma, but I strongly urge you to think twice before you go. There were only two ways I could have gotten HIV; one was the Red Cross (I used to give on a regular basis),

and the other was the plasma bank.

Now both of those places appear to be extremely safe, but when I hear someone say they are going to sell their plasma, I have to question their decision. □

CAMPUS CALENDAR

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8 a.m.—
Kappa Delta Pi, Scholastic Book Fair, Taylor Hall, runs Sept. 12-13 and 16-18
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—
Kolonia Lunch, basement of Stegge Hall
12:15 p.m.—
Pre-Law Club, Anderson Justice Center, Room 125
2 p.m.—
AERho, Webster Hall, MSTV Conference Room
7 p.m.—
Zeta Tau Alpha, panhellenic room
Baptist Student Union, Thursday Night Together, Baptist Student Union Building

Friday 13

Noon—
Psychology Club, Taylor Hall, Room 123
4:30 p.m.—
Deadline for Homecoming Royalty Nominations and Annual Report forms for Student Organizations, Billingsly Student Center, Room 102

Sunday 15

6 p.m.—
Sigma meeting, basement of Stegge Hall
8 p.m.—
Alpha Sigma Alpha meeting, Alumni House, panhellenic room

Monday 16

2:15 p.m.—
Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, Billingsly Student Center, Room 311
2 p.m.—
Mandatory photo session for Homecoming royalty candidates, Billingsly Student Center, Room 313
3 p.m.—
Mandatory Intramural flag football meeting, Racquetball courts
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.—
Orientation Leaders Meeting, Webster Hall, Room 1103
7 p.m.—
Baptist Student Union Quest Fellowship, Baptist Student Union Building

Tuesday 17

Noon—
Latter-Day Saints Student Association, Billingsly Student Center, Room 313
12:20 p.m.—
College Republicans meeting, Billingsly Student Center, Room 311
7 p.m.—
Kolonia main meeting, College Heights Christian Church

Wednesday 18

7 a.m.—
Ecumenical Campus Ministries National Day of Prayer "See you at the pole", Flag pole outside Webster Hall
10:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.—
Fall Buffet, Billingsly Student Center, 3rd floor, free to Board students, \$4 to others
Noon to 1 p.m.—
Baptist Student Union lunch, Baptist Student Union building
Noon—
Campus Activities Board meeting, Billingsly Student Center
Sigma Tau Delta meeting, Heames Hall, Room 224
Technology in Education, Taylor Hall, Room 130
2:15 p.m.—
Social Science Club, Showing of "Blackrobe" a film by Bruce Beresford, Webster Hall, Room 223
5 p.m.—
Deadline for application to Teacher Education Program, Taylor Hall
5:30 p.m.—
Student Senate meeting, Billingsly Student Center, House of Lords Room

RESIDENCE HALLS

Mitchell optimistic about new position

Responsibility offers opportunity for new director

By SHANDY MCBRIDE
STAFF WRITER

Adjusting to living with 200 noisy college males has been quite a challenge for Ron Mitchell, Missouri Southern's new men's residence hall director. Mitchell graduated from Southern in 1983 with a bachelor's degree in secondary education. "I chose the [residence hall] position because it gave me an opportunity to continue my education," Mitchell said.

He plans to pursue his master's degree in the spring at either Pittsburg State University or Southwest Missouri State University.

"Right now it seems too far down the road to think about," Mitchell said, "but I would like to teach on a college level someday."

Mitchell was a staff assistant while attending Southern. After graduating from Southern he taught social studies at Diamond High School.

"Ron Mitchell was an outstanding staff assistant," said Doug Carnahan, dean of students. "He's enthusiastic, he has good ideas, and I'm pleased to have him as a residence hall director."

Keeping 200 college-age males

under control offers challenges, but Mitchell said he understands that all jobs have challenges and he is prepared to meet them.

"As long as we follow the rules," he said, "the main challenge is going to be keeping everyone getting along with each other. With more than 500 people with different personalities, the biggest challenge will be to keep them from killing each other."

Although he is prepared for personality clashes, Mitchell said there haven't been any problems so far. With his new position, Mitchell has many duties, including student services counselor and dealing with issues or problems that need to be addressed.

"Basically I'm the jack of all

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With more than 500 people...the biggest challenge will be to keep them from killing each other.



Ron Mitchell
Residence Hall Director

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trades," he said. "I don't know what I like best about my job yet, but I feel I've been given an opportunity to gain experience in a supervisor position."

As residence hall director, Mitchell's extracurricular activities include involvement in the

Residence Hall Association (RHA) along with Holley Goodnight, the women's residence hall director. RHA is the governing body for resident students, which provides educational, social, and athletic programs for on campus students.

CAMPUS ORGANIZATION

New club focuses on technology

By RONNA SPARKS
CAMPUS EDITOR

With today's constant stream of new technology introduced into the market, there is a new organization designed to familiarize education majors with their options.

The Technology in Education Club is a new organization geared toward helping education majors study technology.

"What we're really wanting to do is to keep people informed and find new technology that can be used in the classroom," said Beverly Martin, senior elementary education major and secretary of the club.

The group plans to keep students informed by inviting guest speakers, school district officials, and software vendors to present at

meetings. Its Sept. 18 meeting will focus on the Internet.

Members plan to explore many other topics, one reason Dr. Deborah Pulliam, assistant instructor of education and the group's adviser, said this club was created.

"It just seems that working with education majors in Use of Computer Software in the Classroom, Education 301, that there were other topics and skills that could have been learned in the class that we didn't have time to learn, or things others might not be interested in that we would have liked to have covered," Pulliam said.

Other topics the club plans to address are: information technology applications in education, the Internet and the World Wide Web, presentation technology,

and effective uses for technology in education. Members will also plan Missouri Southern's annual Technology-Using Educator's Conference.

With the abundance of technology available, the organization has several areas it could expand on, which Martin said is its main goal.

"Things are changing all the time," Martin said, "and we're trying to keep up and find out all of the software available. There's so much available out there that people don't know about, and something like the Technology in Education Club can help us get information and pass it on for use in the classroom."

Pulliam said interest in the organization has been high and it plans to have a Web page for individuals interested in finding out more about technology in education.

FOOD FOR FELLOWSHIP



BRETT DAWSON/THE CHART

Members of Fellowship of Christian Athletes gather Wednesday, Sept. 4 for a welcome back barbeque on the patio of Webster Hall.

STUDENT SERVICES

Office saves students up to 50%

By SCOTT FRANCIS
STAFF WRITER

Day after day she sits in her office, smaller than most campus bathrooms. She is unnoticed or unappreciated by a sizable number of Southern students. Many of them are completely unaware of how much she could help them with their weekend plans and save them money, too.

Her name is Rae Surber, and she works in the campus ticket office, located in the basement of Billingsly Student Center. And she does more than sell tickets to Southern football games.

"The number of events this office sells tickets to has increased by 50 to 100 percent in the past year," Surber said.

The office sells tickets to every-

thing from Exotic Animal Parades to Kansas City Royals baseball games to Six Flags to Branson attractions. Surber offers travel and entertainment information, as well as help in planning.

"I think students are unaware of how much they can actually save by purchasing tickets from the campus ticket office," Surber said.

Ticket prices are discounted as much as 50 percent through the ticket office.

Isaac Carter, a freshman undecided major, recently bought Six Flags tickets through the office.

"It saved me a lot of money on a trip with my friends," he said. "But I think there should be more campus promotions for it, or at least signs down here [in the Lions' Den]. I assumed all they sold was football tickets. I didn't know about all the

discount tickets for other things."

Tabitha Rancey, a freshman elementary education major, bought tickets Tuesday for the Oct. 19 Southern football game at Pittsburg State University.

"This is the third time I've been down here, but the first I've actually bought anything," she said. "The other times I haven't had time to wait in the line. I do think there should be a bigger window [on the office]."

Surber recommends coming by during the middle of the week to avoid the lines.

"Monday and Friday are our busiest days," she said.

The ticket office's hours have changed slightly this year, Surber said. The new hours are: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

INTRAMURALS

Season presents various options

By STEPHANIE WARD
EDUCATION EDITOR

Getting involved in activities around campus is always stressed to students. Many students find that intramural sports is a good activity.

"It's a great way to meet people," said Cindy Wolfe, intramural and aquatics director. "It's a great way to stay in shape, a great way to have some good competition and have fun doing it."

Wolfe said she is trying to advertise more because she believes most people don't know what intramural sports is all about.

"It helps you get to know others," said Bethany Lawson, junior sociology major. "Plus, it's not super-competitive like the other sports."

Lawson has competed in softball, basketball, volleyball, and sand volleyball.

"We have an excellent program," Wolfe said. "We have some strong sports, but it varies on year to year what sports really take off."

The intramural program offers a variety of sports for students and faculty to play.

According to Wolfe, they can be "anywhere from individual to doubles team sports." The program offers tennis, volleyball, sand volleyball, 5K run, golf, softball, football, wallyball, basketball, pool (billiards), ping pong, and bowling. This year, an all-night volley-

Intramurals

FLAG FOOTBALL

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Deadline	Sept. 13
Meeting 3 p.m.	Sept. 16

4/4 WALLEYBALL

Sign-Up	Sept. 23
Deadline	Oct. 4
Meeting 3 p.m.	Oct. 7

ball tournament may be added. And instead of a racquetball tournament, there will be a racquetball ladder that will be posted on the board. At the end of the semester, whoever's at the top will receive a T-shirt.

"I don't do it to try to win games," said Colt Rowden, junior undecided major. "I just do it to have fun."

Wolfe, who has been at Southern four years, said football and basketball were record-number sports for the men last year. She said few women got involved.

"I'd like to find a way to get more of the females involved," Wolfe said.

Any faculty or staff member is eligible to play intramural sports. Students must be enrolled in at least one hour of play. There is no cost, except for what is called "no forfeit fees," which are like a deposit and are returned to the team shows up for every game.

Students may also be officials or score keepers. The students are paid anywhere from \$3.25 to \$5 depending upon the position desired.

"I encourage everybody to join in for the fun," Wolfe said. "We're here to service the students."

Students interested in signing up to play intramural sports can contact Wolfe at 555-9533, or stop by the racquetball office located in Young Gymnasium.

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Construction continues on 7th St. viaduct

BY TAMMY SPICER
STAFF WRITER

Joplin residents and commuters are all too familiar with the construction of the 7th Street viaduct, an on-going project since the spring.

"We hope to have it (the bridge) completed around the first of the year," said Harold McCoy, director of public works. "But it will depend on how early winter sets in."

The estimated completion date is a little off from original assessments due to a late start and some early delays, McCoy said.

While the road is blocked to through traffic, the city has made every effort to ease the burden on businesses located in the construction zone, such as large signs naming the stores.

"We've had excellent cooperation from most businesses," McCoy said.

"When you lose 25,000 cars a day in front of your business, of course business is affected," said Mike Shade, owner of the Botany Shop Garden Center, whose business borders both sides of the construction project. "But I cannot and would not complain about that because the bridge work needs to be done."

The old bridge, 50 years old and deteriorat-

ing at a rapid rate, was totally demolished and a new one is being rebuilt in its place. The city would soon have had to restrict load limits on the bridge, and since it is located on a major thoroughfare, the project was undertaken, McCoy said.

One problem Shade has with the project is that the new bridge will be only "85 percent sufficient" and won't help with the bottleneck effect when completed.

He gets this information from a City of Joplin design study report by Harrington & Cortelyou, Inc. consulting engineers. The report compared costs and anticipated results of a total bridge and reconstruction to a reconditioning of the old structure.

The ideal width (100 percent sufficiency) for the new bridge would be 64 feet, but that would require additional right-of-way and would have significant impact on adjacent property.

"A 56-foot roadway (85 percent sufficiency) will provide a level of service consistent with Seventh Street through the business district," according to the design study report.

The finished structure should last for 50 years with the potential for further reconditioning, which would extend its life even longer.

Shade and the city are in the process of



City workers expect to finish construction work on the Seventh Street viaduct by January.

negotiating terms of the rental of a portion of his land because some of the crane work will extend across the property line, according to Shade.

While inconvenience of the detour will remain for some time, motorists can rest assured that work continues with plans of completion early next year. □

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Hospital offers classes to help deal with loss

St. John's Regional Medical Center's Hospice will offer a five-week session of bereavement classes starting Wednesday, Oct. 2. Classes will be held for five consecutive Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. at St. John's Mercy Conference Center.

The bereavement program is targeted for those individuals who have lost a loved one in death this past year. Topics covered during the course include Loss and Grief, Spiritual Aspects of Grief, Remembering, Intimacy, and New Beginnings. These classes will offer a variety of educational materials and also serve as a type of support group setting in which to ask questions and to facilitate group discussion of grief issues. There is no charge for the program.

St. John's Hospice cares for people with life-limiting illnesses by providing physical, spiritual, and emotional care for those individuals and their families in their homes or nursing home. Hospice annually serves around 700 terminally ill patients in the four-state area.

Hospice is a ministry of care for those patients with a limited life expectancy and their families. Hospice provides nursing care, social services, pastoral care, volunteer support, or other professional services that are needed or requested by the hospice patient and family in their home. The main goal of hospice is to improve the quality of life while providing the patient with support and establishing "control" back to the family. Hospice offices are located in Oswego and Parsons, Kan., and Joplin. For more information or to preregister, call 659-6559 or 1-800-638-7073. □

Carthage plans annual Maple Leaf Festival

The 30th annual Maple Leaf Festival in Carthage will be held Oct. 13-20. "Carthage under the big top" is this year's theme and will be celebrated with the Zerbini Circus participating in the Maple Leaf parade, which will be held on Oct. 19. The Zerbini Circus will also be hosting circus performances.

T-shirts are already available for \$15 and sweatshirts can be purchased for \$25 at the Carthage Chamber of Commerce. Discounts are given for group orders of 10 or more items ordered at a time, and hats will be available soon for \$12.

The Chamber is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. □

Aerobic show becomes annual tradition in city

World-class aerobic pilots will be landing at the Joplin Regional Airport Friday and Saturday.

The event, hosted by the Kansas City International Aerobatics Club, will be held in Joplin because of the success of last year's competitions. Registrations have been received by 35 pilots, and Dr. Charles Seifert, a Joplin aerobatics pilot who will serve as tournament director, said he expects the event to attract more than the 11 who competed last year.

"The pilots last year really appreciated how friendly people were here, how interested they were in the sport, and how many turned out for the competition," he said. "Several said they'd like to be the national competition here."

The competition will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Pilots will compete in basic, sportsman, advanced, or unlimited categories, flying specially built competition aircraft in loops, rolls, spins, and other maneuvers inside an imaginary competition "box." □

High school students learn reality of becoming parents

Computerized dolls cry randomly every two to four hours

BY TAMMY SPICER
STAFF WRITER

A loud crying noise will soon be echoing down the halls of Newton County schools.

The wailing will not be coming from the students, but from lifelike, computerized dolls designed to help students realize the demands of parenthood. The dolls, called "Baby, Think It Over," weigh between 7 and

8 pounds and are 20 inches long.

They are being provided to the schools by the Newton County Health Department and Children's Miracle Network.

"We want the children to learn the responsibility of caring for an infant," said Pat Yates, from the Newton County Health Department.

"Baby, Think It Over" has an internal computer that causes the doll to cry randomly, approximately every two to four hours.

The student assigned to the doll will be required to wear a non-transferable key that will be used to simulate feeding the infant.

To order to quiet the crying baby,

the student-parent must insert the key and hold the infant for up to 35 minutes, Yates said.

"If no one responds when the doll cries, the computer will tell," explained Sandie Morgan, director of the Children's Miracle Network.

"It will add reality to the situation for the students," Morgan said.

There are at least three activities that make "Baby, Think It Over" an effective educational tool. The first is sleep deprivation due to the random crying that continues 24 hours a day.

Second is carrying all the items needed for the daily care of an infant to and from school and activities.

The third is the spontaneous involvement of the student-parent's siblings, friends, and parents.

The 17 dolls that have been purchased will make their rounds in Newton County between the middle and high schools of East Newton, Diamond, Neosho, and Seneca.

Yates hopes that each school will be able to utilize the dolls during this school year, (beginning in mid-October.)

Yates said the choice on where to use the doll is up to the schools. Since charities are oftentimes able to respond only to emergencies, Children's Miracle Network is excited to be able to provide some pre-

ventative services to the community, according to Morgan.

"Children having children is a problem that often leads to sick or abused infants, due to lack of understanding," Morgan said.

"Anything we can do to prolong when kids have kids will help."

In order to add more realism to the project, diaper bags loaded down with all the necessities and car seats were also purchased for the program.

The entire cost for "Baby, Think It Over" will be approximately \$5,500, Morgan said.

"This is not a preachy kind of program. It's a reality thing." □

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

ADA mandate enforces public accommodation

Joplin businesses have made efforts to improve access

BY KIM GIBSON
STAFF WRITER

The Americans with Disabilities Act, signed by President Bush on July 26, 1990, is ensuring that businesses in Joplin are accessible to the disabled.

Linda Green, director of the Independent Learning Center, said laws of the act are set "so people with disabilities can do what they need to do without having to rely on other people."

Title III under the ADA ensures accessibility for the physically impaired in places of public accommodation. A "place of public accommodation" is defined by the ADA as any business that invites the public.

Guidelines for these businesses mainly have to do with overcoming anything that prevents a disabled person from usage of a facility.

The ADA does not always require expensive overhaul of businesses in order to comply with its laws. Most often, acts like lowering public phones, putting in ramps, and adding raised-letter or braille markings on elevators are mandatory only when these acts prove easily accomplished and not too costly.

According to Green, "the best thing and the worst thing about the ADA is the flexibility."

It allows small business owners to avoid paying huge expenses for renovations. Instead, they may simply offer assistance to someone who can't reach an item down a narrow aisle in a store or keep a pencil and paper handy in case they need to communicate with a deaf person.

For many shops in Joplin, such as some located in the Northpark Mall, the main aisles are the required 36 inches wide, but some of the side aisles are much smaller.

In accordance with the ADA, the stores said that they offered assistance to anyone who could not reach an item or get down an aisle.

Another aspect of the law is to ensure accessible parking.

Handicapped spaces should be clearly marked with the international handicapped symbol and have room beside the parking space to assemble a wheelchair.

The act is also addresses the availability of ramps where there are steps or curbs that a wheelchair could not ascend. Most of the major areas of business in Joplin, such as Smitty's, Food 4 Less, and mini malls, had ramps. One area business had a ramp, but the incline was too steep, according to the ADA.

The requirement is that there is one foot of ramp per inch of curb. That area business is looking into how it can become more accessible.

Accessibility does not only pertain to wheelchair-bound individuals. For example, a blind person must be able to use an elevator.

Therefore, there should be raised-letter or braille markings on signs for public restrooms, exits, and elevators.

Once again, many of the major businesses in the area met these requirements. Southwest Missouri Bank on 32nd Street even had braille letters on the ATM machine buttons.

Consequences are enforced through the ADA. Refusal to comply with these laws now results in stiff penalties. For large businesses, a first offense may result in a \$50,000 fine. That price can go up to \$150,000 for second and subsequent offenses.

Individuals can complain to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission if they feel they have been discriminated against. Another option would be to bring a lawsuit against the offender.

With the ADA laws enforced, a discrimination case is more likely to succeed. □

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Coming Attractions

On Campus



Film Festival

■ Sept. 17—**Missouri Southern** hosts **International Film Festival** at 7:30 p.m. in **Matthews Hall Auditorium**.

Taylor Performing Arts Center
Sept. 18-21—Waiting for the Parade

Joplin



Concert

■ Sept. 13—**CG** release party at **The Kitchen Pass** for **King Friday**.

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Sept. 22—Color Me Badd
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Sept. 27—Walking On Einstein
Joplin Little Theatre
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Oct. 1-6—Hello, Dolly!

Carthage

Stone's Throw Dinner Theatre
417-358-9665
Sept. 12-14—Same Time, Next Year
Sept. 20-22—Same Time, Next Year
Downtown Perk
417-358-2988
Sept. 14—Carbon Star

Kansas City

Sandstone Amphitheatre
Sept. 13—Dave Matthews Band, Ben Harper
Sept. 14—Jethro Tull, Emerson, Lake, and Palmer
Sept. 15—Sawyer Brown, Toby Keith
Sept. 21—Cranberries, Cracker
Starlight Theatre
Sept. 19—George Clinton and the P-Funk All-Stars
Sept. 20—Wheel of Fortune
Sept. 28—Grover Washington Jr., Ramsey Lewis
Midland Theatre
Sept. 18—Peter, Paul, & Mary
Heartland Theatre
Oct. 6—Greater Tuna

St. Louis

Riverport Amphitheatre
Sept. 13—Jethro Tull, Emerson Lake & Palmer
Sept. 14—Dave Matthews, Ben Harper
Sept. 15—U Pick Nick

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Artist draws inspiration from nature

Hartman uses own flowers for designs of clothing patterns

By TERESA BLAND
STAFF WRITER

Miami's Designs of Autumn Festival will feature Missouri Southern alumna Roseanne Hartman's unique creation of marbled silk clothing. After receiving her bachelor's degree in art education with honors from Southern in 1979,

Hartman, with her husband, John, moved to Tulsa where she began her career as an artist and a gardener.

Horticulture has become a family tradition; her mother, grandmother, and several aunts raised gardens.

"My love of flowers, plants, and nature in general were from those women," she said.

"I paint from my garden and I try to paint realistically. Most of my subject matter starts in nature, the flowers, and the leaves."

Six months out of the year, Hartman paints in watercolors; the others are dedicated to her

wide array of marbling skills.

Hartman had been doing marbling on paper when an artist friend suggested she use the technique on fabric.

"It's fun; it's a much freer medium than the paintings are and they are unique," Hartman said.

With the technique she uses, no pieces are identical.

The paints are poured into a pan containing a liquid medium. Hartman manipulates the colors into a design of her liking.

She then adds raw silk, allowing the fabric to soak up the paint.

After the fabric is removed, it is rolled up in newspaper to set the

colors and allowed to dry.

Hartman started making marbled scarfs and then began piecing them together to make a skirt.

"I knew about design from my painting background, so I just applied that to clothing design," she said.

Her fabric business has grown to where she now creates a full line of marbled silk clothing.

Many of her works incorporate both mediums.

"The marbling and the painting are really tied together," Hartman said.

A piece titled "Autumn Essence" was chosen to adorn

the official poster for the 1996 Designs of Autumn Festival in Miami, Okla. The festival will be held Sept. 21-22 at the Ottawa County Courthouse lawn and will feature Hartman and several other local artists.

Hartman attempts to express her views of life in each work she creates, whether it be a painting or marbled silk.

"I hope the things I paint will add to someone's life," she said.

"My philosophy is that I try to paint things that are positive. There is enough ugliness in this world, and I want to emphasize the goodness in nature and the world we live in."

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



Sam Lopp, owner of Joplin's Windfall Light Stained Glass Studio, went from a job in printing to practicing the art of stained glass as a living.

JOHN SMITH/The Chart

Romantic gesture leads to way of life

Lopp turns interesting gift into 25-year glass business

By GINNY DUMOND
STAFF WRITER

Who would have guessed that a grand romantic gesture would lead a man to his life's passion and industry?

Sam Lopp, owner of Joplin's Windfall Light Stained Glass Studio, went from a job in printing to practicing and teaching the art of stained glass simply because he needed to find a way to impress his girlfriend.

Lopp's girlfriend, Rita (who is now his wife), always wanted a stained-glass window. While they were dating, he decided to teach himself

how to do the work in order to build her one as a surprise.

"The one I made for her wasn't all that great," Lopp said, "but it sparked my interest in glass artistry."

Soon after his first attempt at stained glass, he began working evenings building leaded lamp shades and shortly thereafter began working out of his home half the day while keeping his printing job part-time.

In 1975 Lopp married Rita and opened Windfall Light, currently located at 512 Joplin St.

"It was a whole new life," he said. "I'd never worked for myself, and I had a new bride."

Today, Lopp mostly does work for private homes, but one can also find stained glass and etched glass from Windfall Light at the Joplin Family Y and the St. Louis Bread Co.

Handling the glass and processing it has

caused Lopp more than his share of scrapes and physical inconveniences. Along with calloused and cut hands and the occasional stitches from broken glass, Lopp has to take precautions against lead poisoning.

"Because of the staining and waterproofing, I get a lot of lead exposure," he said.

This means that he has to wash his hands continually and see a physician for regular lead content tests for his blood.

The studio, which manufactures both major types of stained glass, copper foil method and lead cane method, also holds classes on Thursday nights to train aspiring artists.

Lopp says teaching the classes adds a whole new aspect to his work and he has begun offering advanced classes.

Lopp says he can't imagine his life had he not built that window for Rita more than 25 years ago.

FILM FESTIVAL

'Quiet' to open 35th year

By MICHELLE CONTY
STAFF WRITER

The Missouri Southern Film Society will open its 35th season with *The Quiet One* Tuesday.

The Quiet One is about a lonely ghetto boy, scarred with the rejection and indifference of his parents. This lonely-turned-delinquent child is sent to New York's Wilwyck School. Gradually he responds to the warmth and kindness of a psychiatrist and counselor. Slowly, he is brought back to a more normal life.

At the Venice Festival the play won a number of honors including first prize, the Critics' Award, Academy Award nominee for best documentary, and original screenplay.

Sidney Meyer created this docudrama in 1948 on the streets of Harlem with \$20,000 and a non-professional cast. *Time* magazine, *The New York Times*, and the *National Board of Review* selected it as one of the 10 best films of 1949. James Agee's commentary was considered so moving and descriptive that it was published separately.

Also showing is Dudley Murphy's Academy Award-winning 1929 film *St. Louis Blues* in which Bessie Smith, famed blues singer, performs W.C. Handy's song. These films will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in Matthews Hall auditorium.

"We are not competing with the local theatre," Kash said. "The kinds of movies we show are not like the ones shown at a local theatre. Not even cable shows many of the films that we show. They can't because of the 16-mm format."

'Spitfire Grill' banks on strong performances

Intimate focus changes pace from bombardment of summer blockbusters

For those hungry for a simple, sentimental tale, *The Spitfire Grill* serves up a satisfying dish.

Grill stars Alison Elliot as Percy, a young woman recently released from prison who gets a job at a small town diner.

At the grill, Percy is given a second chance by Hannah, the old and sour owner, played by Ellen Burstyn.

While working at the diner, Percy befriends Shelby, a local housewife, and the three women attempt to raffle off the

grill through an essay contest. All the while Shelby's husband and the townspeople question the credibility of Percy's motives.

Strong performances enhance a well-written though slow-moving story.

Elliot is convincing as an ex-convict who seeks to overcome her troubled past.

An effective performance by Burstyn shows it is possible to add dimension to the seemingly typical role of the cranky old woman.

Hannah may be feisty, but she does care for those around her and conceals a secret of her own.

One weakness of the film was the confusing dialect of the characters.

While set in Maine, a few of the charac-

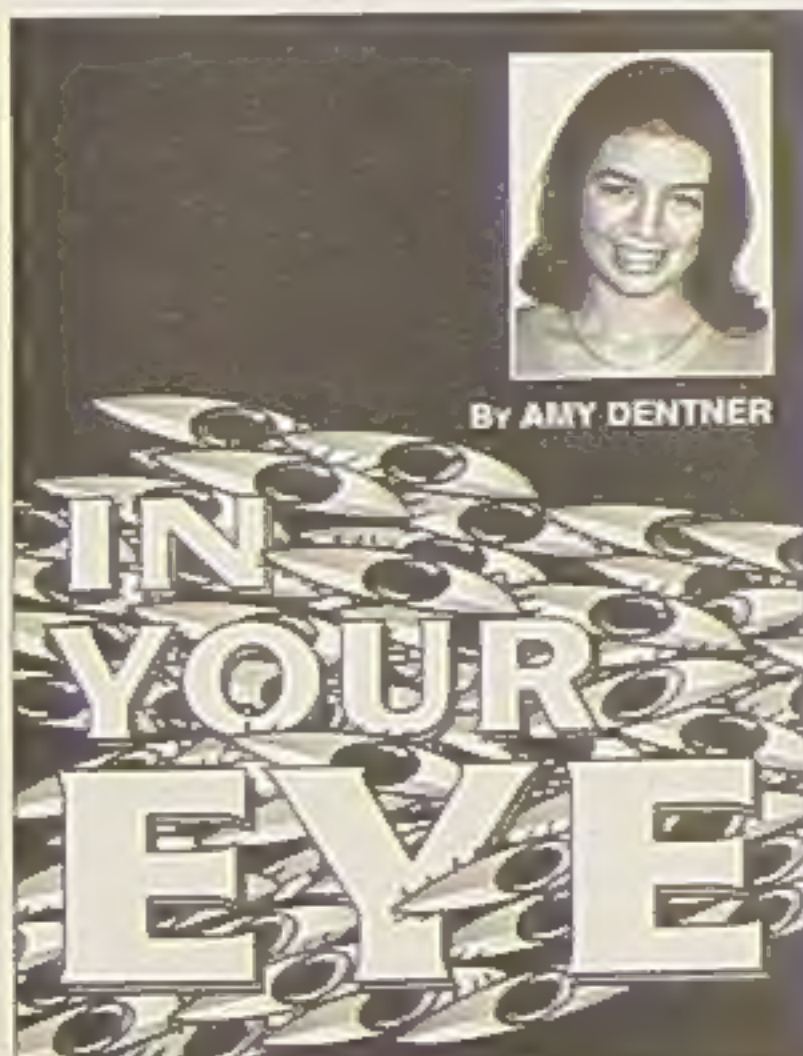
ters spoke in what sounded like a southern accent. It was distracting because there seemed to be inconsistencies in the various actors' accents.

Despite that minor problem, director Lee David Zlotoff showed a sensitivity to nature by featuring breathtaking scenery of New England and incorporating this locale into the story.

James Horner's score adds a homespun flavor with its folksy melodies, highlighted by violin, guitar, and piano solos.

The intimate focus of this film makes it a nice change of pace from the bombardment of summer blockbusters.

It may be small, it may not make lots of money, but *The Spitfire Grill* is a film that should not be overlooked.



Carbon Star

hopes to shoot to stardom

By KEVIN COLEMAN
ARTS ETC. EDITOR

When the band takes the stage at the Downtown Perk Saturday night, the audience may recognize the faces, but the former Puke Daisies will have a new sound to go with their new name, Carbon Star.

The three members of Carbon Star have been together for about a year. Jess Johnson, drummer; Nicole Kaszuda, bassist and background vocalist; and Desiree Petersen, guitarist and lead vocalist, enjoy working together so there are no personnel changes accompanying their new name.

"We've changed our style," said Johnson, a junior at Carl Junction High School. "The music has changed...and we thought we needed a more mature name."

"Our old songs were like a bubble-gum punk style," said Petersen, Missouri Southern freshman art major. "With our new songs, people are calling us alternative."

The band's new tape, *Envy*, features some of its new material with the more intricate changes the band has started to incorporate into its songs.

"We've got one song that's been taking us...forever to learn," Petersen said. "It had so many changes."

The band has already sold the "in lieu of a hundred" tapes it originally ordered, and has more sold in advance for its

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*The music has changed...
and we thought we needed
a more mature name.*

Jess Johnson
Drummer, Carbon Star

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next order, which Petersen said she is placing this week. *Envy* includes the cuts "Rocketship," "My Pickle," "Brainwash," "New Age Vampire," and "Hey, I Like You."

Though it has been playing only a short time, Carbon Star takes its music seriously. The Puke Daisies took third in a battle of the bands competition in Fayetteville, Ark., a few months ago. Last weekend the band played at Harper's Bizarre, a coffee shop in Springfield, despite Petersen losing her voice before the show.

"A lot of people don't take a band that has girls in it serious-

ly," Petersen said. "We've had shows where they treated us like we didn't know what we were doing. We try to make sure we know what we're doing."

All the members of Carbon Star come from musical backgrounds. Johnson's father plays piano. Kaszuda's mother plays guitar and her father plays keyboards, and nearly everyone in Petersen's family plays something.

"My little sister plays violin," she said. "My mom plays fiddle...my other sister has a scholarship for piccolo at the University of Arkansas...my brother plays harmonica and my dad plays the radio."

Petersen also plays cello. Writing songs is a combined effort for the band.

"Everyone makes suggestions," Petersen said. "None of us tell the others that it is going to be 'This way and this way only.'"

"If Nicole says she thinks it would sound better doing it another way, or Jess or I have another idea, that's cool," she said. "If I like peas and you like corn, let's make succotash."

Carbon Star's show at the Downtown Perk begins at 8 p.m. Saturday. Admission is \$2. The Downtown Perk is located at 305 E. Fourth Street, east of the Carthage square. ☐



CARBON STAR/ Special to The Chart

The members of Carbon Star, Desiree Petersen (left) Jess Johnson (center) and Nicole Kaszuda, will perform Friday night at the Downtown Perk cafe in Carthage.



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Sports SCOPE

Cook sure knows how to rebuild

The athletic department should seriously consider giving Jim Cook extra duties over and above his soccer coaching — teaching Missouri Southern coaches how to rebuild.

Cook, a second-year coach, has recruited a plethora of talented freshmen who are already contributing to the program. And when you ask him about the upcoming years for the soccer Lions, he can't help but wear a nice big smile.

Freshmen rarely play a major role in the success of a team, especially at an NCAA Division II institution.

In fact, if a coach is playing freshmen it's usually because he's trying to give those athletes experience.

The Lions, a team which boasts nearly four freshmen or sophomores for every one junior or senior, have such a talented group of underclassmen that the team shouldn't miss a beat from last season's 11-7 performance. And it's only going to get better from here.

Although the team may not immediately improve, Cook has at least given Lions' soccer a fighting chance to become a power in the conference.

Cook did his work in the off-season. Now, he probably won't have to vigorously recruit until the year 2000. By then, Missouri Southern may have a few conference championships under its belt — which, as any coach knows — make recruiting a heck of a lot easier.

■ For the Cowboy

bashers: Too many people have expressed their opinion about how terrible the Dallas Cowboys are this year. As a Cowboy fan, I relish that type of criticism, which has reached national proportion.

The Cowboys have proven in the past that turmoil is a motivator.

After getting beat by Chicago in a game full of bad calls and missed opportunities, Dallas rebounded to destroy the worst team in football, the New York Giants.

The real test for the Cowboys, however, will come this weekend. If Dallas beats the Indianapolis Colts, look for the Cowboys to win 11 games this season, if not more.

Sure, teams such as Green Bay and San Francisco will vie for the NFC title, but I'm looking for the team with the experience of winning the big game when it counts to prevail.

■ Cardinals good, but

World Champions? St. Louis has an arch and steamboats, but when October ends, it won't have a World Series title.

And you don't have to be a genius to figure out why.

Yes, I've jumped on the bandwagon to a certain extent and I'd love to see the Cards win it all, but with a mediocre pitching staff, I doubt the Redbirds will even make it out of the first round of the playoffs.

As much as I hate to say it, the Braves just look too good. ☐

RJB

FOOTBALL

Lions to open at Tahlequah Saturday

By RICK ROGERS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Even though Northeastern (Okla.) State University heads into its third game winless, Missouri Southern head football coach Jon Lantz believes the Redmen could post a formidable challenge in the Lions' season opener Saturday in Tahlequah.

The Redmen are currently in a transition year as they move from their present status to the NCAA Division II ranks, where NSU will compete next season. Because the team will be switching divisions, the Redmen will not be able to compete for the NAIA national title this season.

Last season, NSU finished runner-up for the NAIA national title, after capturing the national championship the previous year.

NSU fell to Angelo State 21-14 in its season opener Aug. 31, then dropped its second game of the season to Central Arkansas 35-21 Saturday.

Lantz compared the Redmen's quickness to the likes of Central Arkansas and MIAA rival Pittsburg State, and even though NSU sits 0-2 for the season, Lantz believes its record

THIS WEEK'S GAME

Missouri Southern
LIONS vs.
Northeastern State University
REDMEN

RECORDS: Missouri Southern 0-0
Northeastern State 0-2

WHEN: Saturday, Sept. 14, 2 p.m.

WHERE: Tahlequah, Okla. (see map)

could be deceiving. "They are very athletic," he said. "They are mainly a rushing team, but they have excellent wide receivers. I think they are one of the better 0-2 teams in the nation."

With Southern starting the season later

than ever, the Lions have been forced to spread their allotted 29 practice days over a five-week period without any game experience. Lantz said the 90-degree temperatures and the long practice period have begun to take their toll on his troops.

"I think we are a little stale," he said. "I have never taken a team into a game after almost five weeks of practice. We just need to play."

But Lantz said his team's lack of game experience should not be a factor Saturday.

"I think the biggest disadvantage for us is that they have actually played two games," he said.

Lantz said sophomore quarterback Brad Cornelsen looks sharp and focused.

"He is really playing super," he said. "He is the cog this thing is built around."

Missing from the Lions will be their starting right defensive end, junior Adam McKellips, who will be out of reminder of the year with a knee injury, and sophomore wide receiver Carnell Matthews, who was released from the team due to disciplinary reasons.

Taking McKellips' spot at defensive end will be sophomore Shad Burns. Freshman quarterback Rodney McClure will replace Matthews at wide-out. ☐

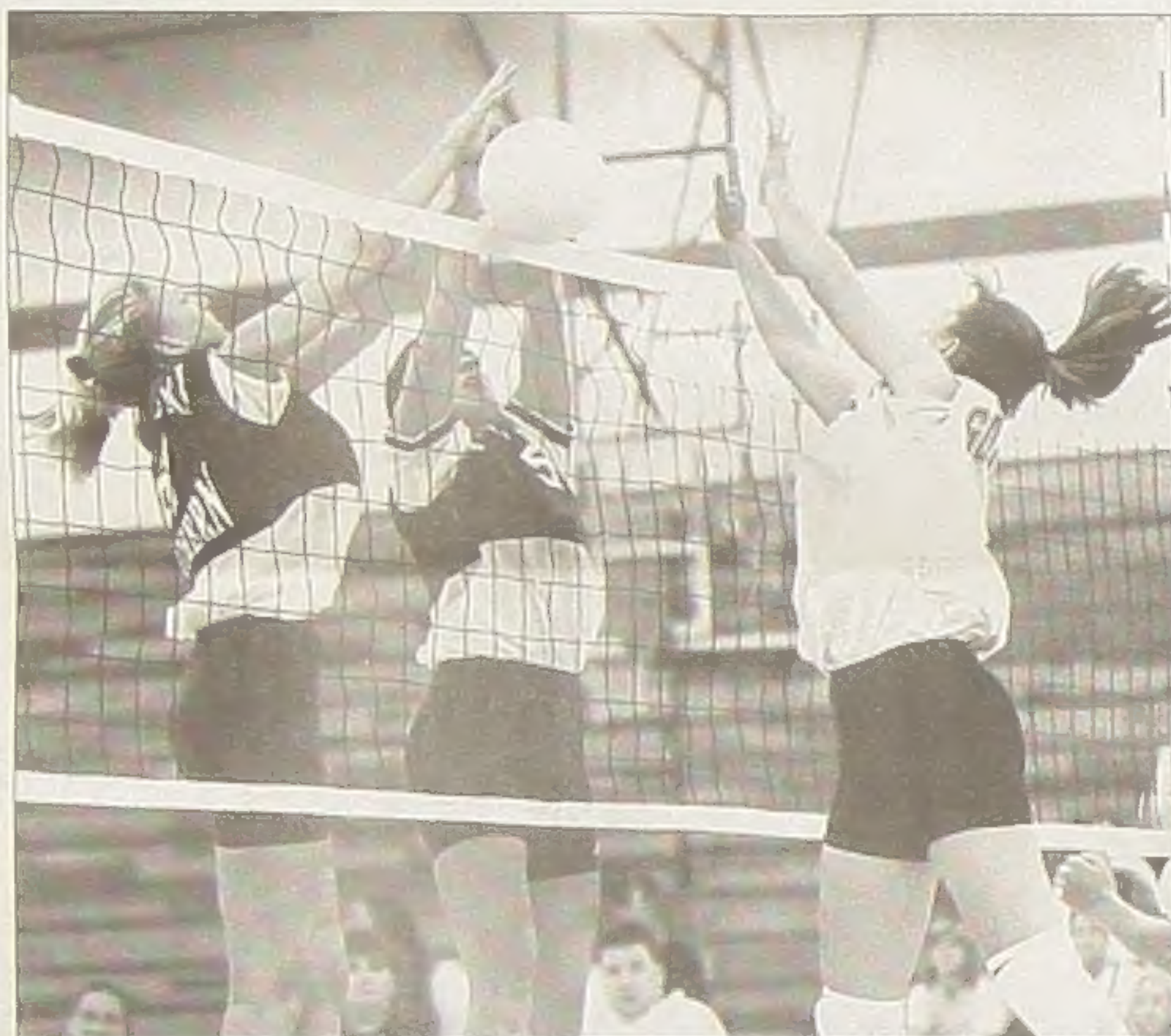
On the Road

Missouri Southern travels to Tahlequah, Okla., to take on Northeastern State



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VOLLEYBALL



Debbie Horenkamp (center) and Kristen Harris (left) team up for a block Wednesday night against Pitt State.

DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chan

CROSS COUNTRY

Blacketer, Harrison lead Lady Lion charge

Rutledge pleased with freshmen, said veterans look solid

By JASON OWEN
SPORTS EDITOR

Cross country season opened this weekend with a good showing from both Missouri Southern teams.

"We really ran pretty well [at the Missouri Southern Invitational]," said Tom Rutledge, men's coach. "It is still early, but I really feel good about what I saw."

"It was a good warm-up race; it really helped us see where we are as a team. We know what we have to work on now, and so we can start working out the kinks."

Rutledge said he was really pleased with the freshmen runners.

"The freshmen really packed in well," he said. "All six of our freshmen were within one minute of each other."

"If they can stay together like that and improve together like that, then we will really be in good shape."

Rutledge also said he was pleased with his older runners.

"Josh Rogers is really running well," he said. "Jon Wilks ran a good race, but his legs hit together toward the second mile, and

that slowed him up a little. Jim Lowry had the flu last week and still came out and ran a good race, so I know I can depend on them to lead this team."

"If our older guys continue to run well and bring our younger guys along, then we should have a really good year."

The women also had a good day, finishing first and second in their race.

"Sonia Blacketer finished first and Amanda Harrison finished second," said Patty Vavra, women's head coach.

"They both ran extremely well, especially this early in the season."

"They train well together, really pushing each other, and it paid off."

Vavra said she was also pleased with the performance of junior Chris Heinecke.

"Chris' hard work this summer really showed out in this race," she said.

"She improved her time by over a minute from last year. I was really pleased."

"She's also doing really well as a team leader."

"I hoped she would go out and help the younger girls come through the mile in six minutes, and she did."

"It was a good meet."

Vavra said this race certainly makes the future look bright. ☐



JOHN SMITH/The Chan

Junior Chris Heinecke (middle) and freshman Jessica Zelller (front) pull through the home stretch of Saturday's women's cross country meet.

Southern spansks MIAA rival Gorillas

By P. NICHOLAS PARKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Despite a mental letdown midway through the match, Missouri Southern outlasted border rival Pittsburg State in volleyball action Wednesday night.

The Lady Lions opened with 15-2 and 15-6 wins before falling 15-12 in game three. Southern came back with a decisive 15-2 victory in the fourth game. Junior hitter Kristen Harris said she was pleased with her team's performance.

"We came into this game with three main goals: talking, serving, and passing," Harris said. "We met all those goals, except during the third game."

Head coach Debbie Traywick said the keys for Southern's victory were passing and staying aggressive.

"When we were strong and aggressive at the net, we did well," she said. "When we stopped being aggressive, we lost."

At the net the Lady Lions were led defensively by Harris with six blocks. Offensively, senior hitter

Neely Burkhardt led the team with 18 kills and a .545 hitting percentage. Burkhardt also had 19 digs and two aces. Harris had nine kills.

Southern came into the match with a 2-2 record after last weekend's home tournament. The Lady Lions' two losses came against Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville and North Alabama University.

Traywick said Southern's play was better than the record indicated.

"When you say 2-2, it sounds disappointing," she said. "But if you look at the statistics, we stand better than any other team in the conference at the same time last year. We were at the top in both kill percentage and set assists percentage."

Harris said she would welcome a rematch with North Alabama.

"We're going to continue to get better as the season goes; they may stand still. I know we'll be ready the next time we see them again," she said.

The Lady Lions travel to Warrensburg this weekend to take on Henderson State Friday and West Texas A&M Saturday. ☐

SPORTS INFORMATION

Slusher rejoins Central

By JASON OWEN
SPORTS EDITOR

Dennis Slusher, Missouri Southern's sports information director, will leave his position Friday.

He has resigned to take a position at Central Missouri State University as an assistant sports information director and promotions director.

Slusher, who said he leaves with no hard feelings, cited personal reasons for the move.

"It is basically the same position," he said. "It is not really a move up, but Warrensburg is about 30 miles from where I grew up (Odessa), so I am kind of going home."

"My parents are both retired, and they still live there. I have been wanting to get closer to them for a while, so when the position opened it was just what I had been looking for."

Jim Frazier, Southern's men's athletic director, said he would be looking for a replacement for Slusher soon.

"With Dennis leaving on Friday," he said, "we hope to be able to get the job specifications ready so we can start advertising for the position at least by Monday." ☐



Senior Josh Rogers hopes to make the regional cross country meet held at Central Missouri.

Running to DAYLIGHT

Coach targets senior runner as 'fighter'

By JASON OWEN
SPORTS EDITOR

The pinnacle of any athlete's career is to be picked as a team leader by the coach.

For Josh Rogers, senior cross country runner, that day has come.

"I was very honored that coach Rutledge picked me as a leader this year," Rogers said. "It really shows me that he believes in me, and that gives me a lot of confidence."

And Rutledge does believe in him.

"Josh is a good kid, who will lead," he said. "He is a fighter. He's running well, and should have a very good season."

Rogers, too, hopes to have a good season.

"I am running pretty good right now," he said, "but I could be running better."

"I would like to place at conference, but I would really like our team to place. If we can do that then I will really be happy."

"Regionals are at Central Missouri this year, so I obviously would like to make it there. To do that, though, we have to place at conference, so that's my main goal right now."

Rogers, who has exercise induced asthma, knows he will have to contend with that to make it where he wants to go. He also knows that he can do it.

"I really try to down play the fact that I have asthma," he said, "but I know it's there. It's just something I have to deal with. So I do."

"I can't say it will be a non factor

this season, but we have done all we can for it, so I just try to forget about it and go on."

Down playing Roger's asthma is just what Rutledge plans to do.

"Josh knows he has it," he said, "and so do I. There's no need to dwell on it."

"I really like Josh. Like I said he's a fighter, he'll get past this."

Rogers said Rutledge was a major factor in his decision to come to Missouri Southern.

"I came to Southern for several reasons," he said.

"They have a great school of business, and the school aspect it was very important to me. The price was right, which was also very important."

"Coach Rutledge showed a lot of interest in me from the beginning. I knew I was wanted here, and

that made the decision much easier for me."

Rogers is excited about this season, but hopes to live up to all that is expected of him.

"I really appreciate that coach would recognize me in this way," he said, "and I hope I can do all he wants me to. I am just going to go out and do the best I can."

Rogers said that while he is excited, he isn't nervous.

"This is really no added pressure on me. I know what I have to do, and I'm going to do it."

"Leading this team isn't really going to be all that hard, because we have such a great group."

"We are all pretty tight, and it's not like Josh the leader. The freshman that have come in are really doing well, and it's going to be a good year." □

SOCCER

Southern splits opening match-ups, heads to Graceland at .500

By DAN WISZKON
STAFF WRITER

Low-scoring games have been the norm so far in the Lions' soccer season. Missouri Southern finds itself at .500 after splitting the first two games

of the young season.

The Lions blanked the University of Central Arkansas 1-0 Saturday in the season opener. Junior goalie Chris Lewis and freshman Ben Butler each made one save in combining for the shutout.

Junior forward Justin Buerge

scored for Southern in the 36th minute of play.

The Northeastern State University Redmen defeated Southern 2-0 Tuesday in Tahlequah, Okla. The Redmen fired 17 shots on goal compared to the Lions' six (three per half).

Providing the offense for NSU was Bobby Hooper and Xander Scheffel, who both scored late in the first half within a 2:30 span.

NSU outnumbered Southern in corner kicks, 11-2.

The game was full of penalties and physical contact, with both

teams chalking up 17 fouls. NSU players Dennie Ceelen and Eric Marshall were warned by officials with yellow cards while teammate Shane Chambers was kicked out of the contest with a red card. Chambers' absence gave the Lions a one-man advantage the last five

minutes of the game, but Southern failed to capitalize.

Southern's first home game will be against Dallas Baptist University at 5 p.m. Friday.

The Lions take the road to play Graceland College in Lamoni, Iowa, Saturday. □

Southern Scoreboard

The scores, stats, and numbers every Lions fan should know.

FOOTBALL

MIAA MIAA Standings as of Sept. 7

	Overall	Conf.
W-L	W-L	
1. Central Missouri	1-0	0-0
2. Missouri-Rolla	1-0	0-0
3. Missouri Western	1-0	0-0
4. Northwest Missouri	1-0	0-0
5. Missouri Southern	0-0	0-0
6. Southwest Baptist	0-0	0-0
7. Washburn	0-0	0-0
8. Pittsburg State	0-1	0-0
9. Truman State	0-1	0-0

MIAA MIAA Results

AUGUST 31 RESULTS
① Emporia 38, Wayne (Wb.) State 50

SEPT. 7 RESULTS
① Valdosta (Ga.) State 48, Truman 35
② Missouri-Rolla 41, Quincy (Il.) 0
③ Northwest Missouri 23, South Dakota State 6
④ Nebraska-Kearney 32, Missouri Western 47
⑤ Emporia 30, Fort Hays (Kan.) State 42
⑥ Central Missouri 12, Augustana (S.D.) 8
⑦ Eastern Illinois 41, Pittsburg State 31

MIAA MIAA Schedule

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE
Southwestern (Kan.) @ Central Missouri

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE
Missouri Southern @ Northeastern (Ok.) State
Marikato (Men) State @ Northwestern Missouri
Missouri Valley @ Missouri-Rolla
Quincy (Il.) @ Missouri Western
Southwest Baptist @ Ouachita Baptist (Ark.)
Truman State @ Southeast Missouri State
Washburn @ Fort Hays (Kan.) State

VOLLEYBALL

MIAA MIAA Standings as of Sept. 8

	Overall	Conf.
W-L	W-L	
1. Southwest Baptist	2-0	0-0
2. Central Missouri	1-1	0-0
3. Washburn	1-1	0-0
4. Truman	0-1	0-0
5. Emporia	0-3	0-0
6. Missouri Southern	2-2	0-0
7. Northwest Missouri	2-3	0-0
8. Pittsburg State	1-6	0-0
9. Missouri Western	0-1	0-0

MIAA MIAA Results

SEPT. 3 RESULTS
① Pittsburg State 3, Central Oklahoma 0
② Southwest Baptist 3, Lyon (Ark.) 1
③ Northwest Missouri 3, Simpson (Iowa) 0

SEPT. 4 RESULTS
① Truman State 0, Columbia (Mo.) 3
② Missouri Western 0, Rockhurst (Mo.) 3

SEPT. 6 RESULTS
At Premier-Challenge, Denver, Colo.
Central Missouri 3, North Dakota State 0
Central Missouri 3, Regis (Colo.) 1
Washburn Invitational
Emporia State 3, Pittsburg State 0
South Dakota 3, Pittsburg State 0
Washburn 3, Emporia State 2
Washington (Mo.) 3, Washburn 0
At Nebraska-Kearney Tournament
Horningside (Iowa) 3, Missouri Western 1
Mesa (Colo.) State 3, Missouri Western 0

MIAA MIAA Schedule

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE
Emporia State Invitational
Missouri Southern, Truman State @
Central Missouri State Challenge I
Northwestern Missouri @ Mississippi-Women's Tournament
Washburn @ Baker (Kan.) Tournament
Drury (Mo.) @ Southwest Baptist

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE
Emporia State Invitational
Missouri Southern, Truman State @
Central Missouri State Challenge I
Northwestern Missouri @ Mississippi-Women's Tournament
Washburn @ Baker (Kan.) Tournament

SOCCER

MIAA MIAA Standings as of Sept. 8

	Overall	Conf.
W-L	W-L	
1. Missouri Southern	1-0	0-0
2. Missouri-Rolla	2-0	0-0
3. Truman	2-2	0-0
4. Lincoln	1-2	0-0

MIAA MIAA Schedule

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE
Southwest Baptist @ Harris-Stowe (Mo.)
State Classic
Lincoln @ St. Mary (Kan.)
Dallas Baptist @ Missouri Southern
Bellevue (Neb.) @ Missouri-Rolla

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE
Southwest Baptist @ Harris-Stowe (Mo.)
State Classic
Truman State @ Lewis (Ill.)
Missouri Southern @ Graceland (Iowa)
Bellevue (Neb.) @ Lincoln

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE
Truman @ Wisconsin-Parkside

X-COUNTRY

MIAA MIAA Schedule

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE
Southwest Baptist @ Harris-Stowe (Mo.)
State Classic
Lincoln @ St. Mary (Kan.)
Dallas Baptist @ Missouri Southern
Bellevue (Neb.) @ Missouri-Rolla

MIAA Lion Invitational Results

Men's	Time	School
1. Chad Brake	15:34.4	PSU
2. Aaron Locke	15:40.2	PSU

3. Jerry Rainey	15:44.8	PSU
4. Josh Rogers	15:55.9	MSSC
5. Brian Hill	16:05.1	MSSC
6. Jamie Burnham	16:06.9	
Unattached		
7. Jami Clark	16:07.4	PSU
8. Justin Bronner	16:24.9	PSU
9. Daron Dolechak	16:35.1	PSU
10. Dusty Franks	16:38.6	MSSC
11. Jim Lowary	16:49.3	MSSC
12. Jay Kocks	16:50.4	MSSC

Women's	Time	School
1. Sonia Blacketer	11:36.3	MSSC
2. Amanda Harrison	11:42.1	MSSC
3. Jenny Kriedler	12:04.5	PSU
4. Liz Ryan	12:10.0	PSU
5. Natalie Loughmiller	12:12.0	PSU
6. Andrea Neal	12:15.0	PSU
7. Melanie Ennsing	12:19.7	
Unattached		
8. Wendy Plan	12:25.6	PSU
9. Valerie Barnes	12:36.1	PSU
10. Chris Helnecke	12:37.7	MSSC
11. Jessica Zeider	12:38.2	MSSC
12. Michelle Cook	12:45.1	PSU

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This Week

■ Volleyball

Friday — Central Missouri Challenge 1:
Missouri Southern vs.
Henderson State, 7: 30 p.m.

■ Football

Saturday — Missouri Southern at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Okla., 7 p.m.

■ Volleyball

Saturday — Central Missouri Challenge 1:
Missouri Southern vs.
West Texas A&M, 7: 30 p.m.

■ Soccer

Friday — Missouri Southern hosts Dallas Baptist, 5 p.m.
Saturday — Missouri Southern at Graceland, 2 p.m.

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Missouri Southern vs.
West Texas A&M, 7: 30 p.m.

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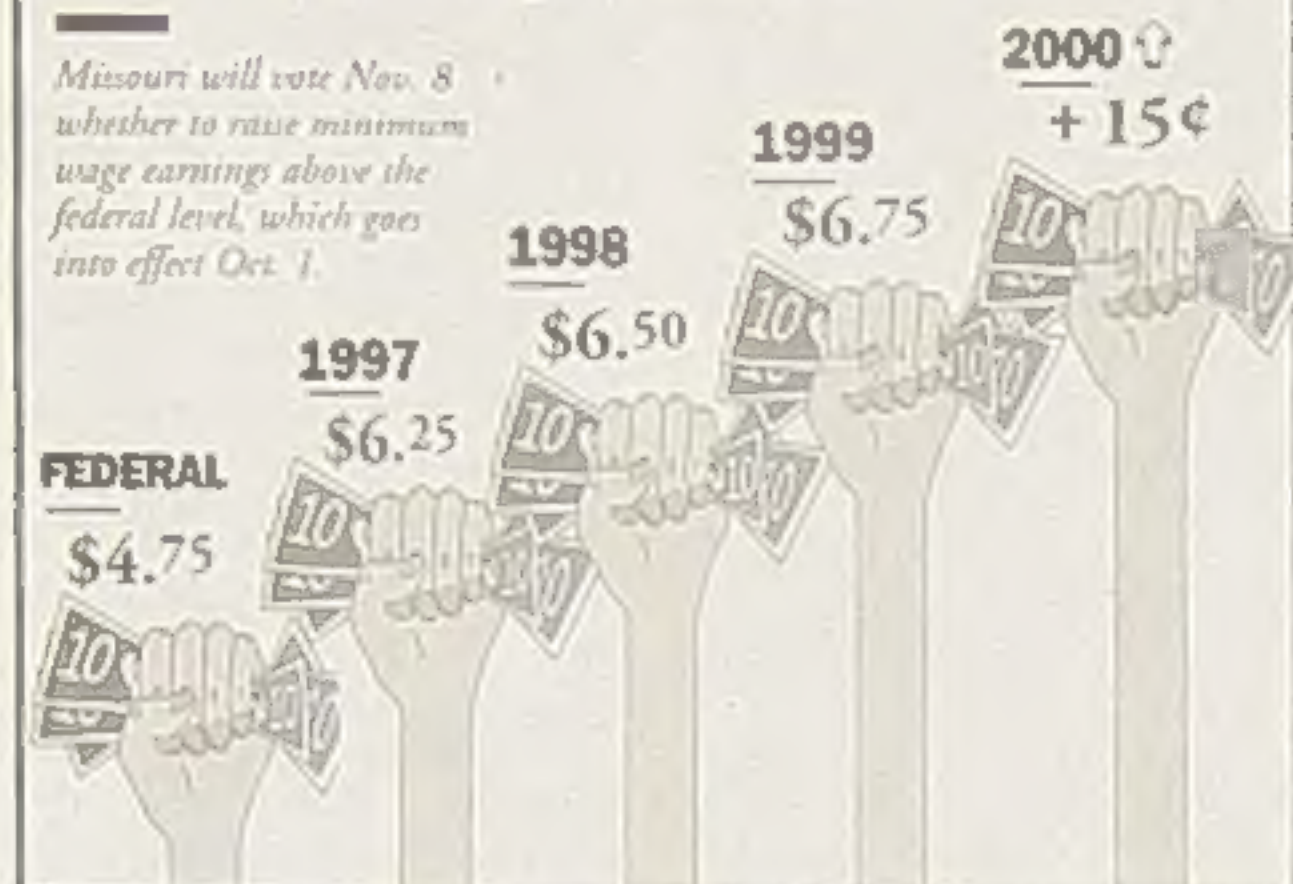
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Wage increase takes effect Oct. 1

STATE LEGISLATURE

If Prop A passes

Missouri will vote Nov. 8 whether to raise minimum wage earnings above the federal level, which goes into effect Oct. 1.



RYAN BRONSON/The Chart

Voters left to decide on minimum wage

By J.L. GRIFFIN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Even though the federal government has decided to increase the minimum wage to \$4.75 starting Oct. 1, that hasn't stopped an effort in Missouri to raise it more.

The effort, called the Campaign to Reward Work, has asked Missouri voters to consider the issue on the Nov. 8 ballot.

The plan calls for Missouri's minimum wage to increase to \$6.25 by Jan. 1. The increase would give Missouri the highest minimum wage in the country. The issue also mandates the minimum wage increases 25 cents every year from until 2000, when it becomes a 15-cent increase every year thereafter. A similar proposal was made by state Sen. Bill Clay Jr. (D-St. Louis) last session. But Clay's bill didn't make it out of committee.

"The legislators haven't addressed it," said Jerry Huskin, legislative and political action coordinator for Teamster's joint council No. 13. "They haven't put forth the proper effort."

However, the plan is being opposed as equally as it is supported. Small business lobbyists oppose this plan as much as they opposed Clay's bill.

"That bill by 1998 would have cost the state \$28 million," said Brad Jones, an official at the National Federation of Independent Business.

The issue, called Proposition A, was announced to be on the ballot at a Monday news conference in Jefferson City.

Although Gov. Mel Carnahan supported the federal implementation of a new, higher minimum wage, he has voiced his opposition to Proposition A, said Chris Sifford, Carnahan's director of communications.

"The governor feels this is a federal issue and the issue has been addressed," Sifford said.

With the governor a strong opponent of the issue, some might be frightened to bring the issue forth, but Huskin said Carnahan's opposition may hurt the governor "more than it hurts us."

"We think that it has a better than 50-50 chance of passing by the people of Missouri," Huskin said.

Sifford said the governor wasn't sure what type of role he'd play in the opposition of Proposition A.

"I don't know how active he'll be in the campaign," he said.

Currently, Hawaii has the highest minimum wage in the union at \$5.25. An official in Hawaii's labor department said there are no plans to increase the minimum wage when the new federal standards go into effect. Cost of living in that state is high in comparison to the other 49 states, the labor official said. A gallon of regular unleaded gasoline averages about \$1.80.

Jones said the same thing will happen in Missouri if Proposition A passes, along with job losses, he added. Sometime in mid-1997, the federal minimum wage level will increase to \$5.15 automatically.

Huskin said Missouri's minimum wage will be what the federal level is, if it is lower than the federal level.

FINANCIAL AID

“Student workers are vital to the operation of this campus.”

College to cut student help hours

Campus employment availability could drop

By MICHELLE CONTY
STAFF WRITER

As of Oct. 1, both the federal and state minimum wage will be increasing to \$4.75 an hour.

Some concerns have been voiced about whether this will affect the budget for student employees and work study participants at Missouri Southern.

"Student workers are vital to the operation of the campus," said Dr. Terri Agee, director of human resources, adding that there will be much discussion over the matter.

According to Linda Sadler, student employment coordinator, the students are not as concerned as the department heads. The students will receive a cut in total hours, but they will be taking home just as much if not a small sum more. It is the departments where the students work that will be balancing fewer hours worked with a budget that will not yet meet the increase. The overall budget increase will need to be 6 percent in order to fully close the gap between the current wage and the new wage.

Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, said "the worries should be minimal" since all student help budgets will be increased by 3 percent, leaving the individual departments to make up the remaining 3 percent.

Tiede said he thought the departments should be able to manage the hours, and if they cannot they will be able to make individual appeals.

The overall annual budget increase is estimated at \$32,000, according to Tiede.

Jeff Gibson, director of budgets and operations, said that if the institution cannot meet the total increase needed, the federal government may help.

Gibson said the projected budget for student employment is \$357,000, not including the work study program.

"I hope the cutback in hours is not too much; money is short as it is," said Tara Dubray, sophomore undecided major. "I need the hours I get. Nobody's talking about the increase in wage and how the school is going to budget. I am looking forward to hearing something."

Not all of the College's student help is concerned, though.

Brandi Manning, senior English major, said how she hasn't thought much about the increase or the budget.

Some students are concerned about the availability of on-campus jobs when the wage increase goes into effect.

Tracey Witherspoon, freshman undecided major, said she knew there were few work study openings and wondered if those positions would be eliminated when the wage increased.

Sadler said the same number of students would be hired for student help. She did say, however, that some adjustments would have to be made, such as referring some undergraduates to off-campus jobs.

"Personally, I'm not too worried; I have faith in our administration," said Mike Reynolds, senior Spanish education major. "I'm sure they will balance the budget in the best interest of all of us."

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JOPLIN BUSINESSES



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Hardee's employee Kim Farmer keeps an eye on the fries, but may soon need to keep an eye on finding a future career.

Chamber takes negative stance on Proposition A

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With 19 days left until the new increase in the national minimum wage takes hold, local business are searching for ways to compensate for the 50-cent jolt about to strike their purses.

The national minimum wage will climb from \$4.25 to \$4.75 an hour Oct. 1. But in Missouri, Proposition A, which will be placed on the ballot in November, could raise the state's minimum wage to \$6.25 by Jan. 1, 1997.

Cameron Miller, district manager of Hardee's three franchise restaurants in Joplin, said his restaurants will attempt to deal with the new wage hike in a manner which will not hurt the pocketbooks of customers to a large extent.

Miller said the corporate restaurants and franchises, which have the authority to make their own decisions concerning store operations, will meet the new requirement of the new minimum wage law.

Miller also said Hardee's corporate office is planning a price increase of 2 to 3 percent by Oct. 1 to compensate for the higher labor costs.

But Miller said his restaurants in Joplin, which have not raised prices in nearly three years, have not yet determined whether they will increase prices. Miller also said because the increase will be quite minimal, the public will, in most cases, not be aware of the price increase, if implemented.

"For the most part, most of the restaurants will not be affected, because most of their employees already make over the new increase in minimum wage," he said.

"It will not affect them at all, and they are not going to give people 50-cent raises because the minimum wage has increased."

Tracey Osborne, general manager of the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce, said the chamber is "very concerned" about the consequences the new law will have on local businesses and the effect Proposition A, if passed, could have as well.

"We talked to a number of businesses, both large and small, and they have mostly all said that it is going to dramatically increase their operating costs."

Miller said he could not see how the increase could benefit any of the local, small businesses in the region, or the nation.

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Cameron Miller
Hardee's
district manager

"I don't think the rise in the wage helps anybody," he said.

"The costs will trickle down to everyone. People will be paying more at the gas pump, people will be paying more for milk, and people will be paying more to eat out."

"I have spoken to many other managers in different restaurants around the area, and everyone I have talked to plans to do some kind of price increase."

But one action Miller's Hardee's restaurants will not take in cutting the number of employees working in its three locations.

"Cutting labor is ludicrous," he said. "How can you cut labor back? We do not plan to cut hours, because if you do that then you are hurting your customers."

"If you do not have enough customers to staff your restaurant and people come in, they will wait on, then they don't come back."

According to Osborne, if Proposition A passes, these scenarios could materialize if large and small local businesses will be forced to increase operating costs.

Businesses will be forced to increase their price of doing business.

Businesses will not be able to employ as many people.

Fewer lower-income jobs will be available to the public.

Higher unemployment rates for the state of Missouri.